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AN IMPORTANT POSITION -- Crossing Guard Sue Louchart (above) gives a "Good Morning" pat on the back to one of her regulars, 10-year old Billy Stewart. **HIGH VISIBILITY** -- Louchart's duties call for a bright orange outfit and good peripheral vision, as she stops traffic in all directions, making sure the children get across busy Michigan Avenue safely twice each school day.

Louchart let's the kids "cross" her daily

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

Sue Louchart, or Mrs. "L" as she is called by the kids, holds the job of the only school crossing guard in Crawford County.

In her 14th year of service, Louchart stands ready every school day morning and afternoon, in her bright orange garb and armed with an official stop sign, to safely cross her charges in what can often be a chaotic situation.

There are busses pulling in and out of their designated driveway while parents hurry to drop off and pick up children in the other driveway. In the meantime, the traffic on Michigan Avenue continues to build as citizens hurry to and from work and daily errands.

Louchart takes her job very seriously and is not shy about voicing her opinion on job-related issues.

"Some people just drive too fast," said Sue. "I can't be positive that they are going over the speed limit, but it's just a feeling I have."

"And," she continued, "I really wish people

would use their headlights."

Louchart safely crosses approximately 66 children each day.

"Some of the kids will try the rules but on the whole, they are pretty good kids."

The crossing guard is frustrated that some kids are crossing Michigan Avenue at Maple Street where there is no crossing guard.

Louchart pointed out that the snow has not been removed from in front of residences on the north side of the street. So, to avoid walking in the deep snow, the kids are crossing unassisted to use the cleared sidewalks on the south side of the street.

Billy Stewart, a 10-year old student in Mr. Whitaker's fourth grade class at the Grayling Elementary School, is one of the brave souls who trudged through thigh-high snow along Michigan Avenue to reach the designated school crossing zone.

"They should really try to get someone over here to clean up the snow. It's about two feet deep," remarked a rosy-cheeked Billy.

Billy also said that he is not too happy about the lack of sidewalks on some streets and, where there are sidewalks, residents aren't keeping them clear of snow.

"It's pretty bad that we have to walk in the street to get to school."

With some frustrating and even dangerous conditions, Louchart is proud of her 13 years of "accident-free, no injuries involving a student" status recognized by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

City employees are given credit by Louchart for making sure the crosswalk and surrounding road surface is salted and kept ice-free to avoid wintertime accidents.

Louchart will be missed at her station for a short while this spring. On April 7, she will be having surgery and a substitute guard will take over for a few days.

As of this writing, no morning substitute has been found, but city officials assure Louchart that one will be found in time and the kids won't be left to cross the street alone.

Crawford-Otsego landfill sold again Landfill becomes part of \$21 billion merger

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Crawford-Otsego landfill, which has swirled at the center of local controversy in past years, has been sold again.

It's a tiny fish in a very, very big pond, it seems, but 'he who owns the landfill — controls the prices charged to anyone dumping there.' *Rachel's Hazardous Waste News Bulletin #268*

This time, the Crawford-Otsego landfill has been gobbled up by the nation's No. 1 trash hauler, Waste Management. It is part of a \$21 billion merger with current owner, Houston-based USA Waste.

The Crawford-Otsego landfill deal, if memory serves, was finally worked out by the commissioners and City Management of Detroit, on Dec. 18, 1991. The counties, of course, had no money, certainly not \$10 million, to meet the State's regulations requiring the installation of a new leachate collection system.

The sale price of the 260-acre public dump was set at \$3.5 million. It

was, after all, contaminating the underground aquifers, and according to the State, the landfill would either be sold and rejuvenated by new owners, or it would be closed and the counties could seek another site for public dumping. The county's options were nearly nonexistent.

At that time, the successful purchaser, City Management of Detroit, was said to be worth a healthy \$70.1 million in assets. They were also hailed as experts in the field of waste management and were touted as being on the leading edge of solid waste management technology. The sale was not completed without a bumpy ride to the bank, but it was accomplished.

Incredibly, this same trash-hauling enterprise, when it was absorbed by USA Waste in Dec. of 1997, scant 6 years later, had grown to boast of revenues of \$230 million annually. This massive business expansion has been, according to *Rachel's*, "due to aggressive strategies of growth by acquisition."

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Crawford County mandated services--the criminal justice system and its costs

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Mandated services are those services required of county government. They are services which must be performed or maintained out of county funds.

Further, it is generally expected that revenues gained through the county's powers of taxation will cover the cost of safeguarding these services.

So far, however, that has not been the case in Crawford County for fiscal year 1998. A balanced budget yet eludes the Board of Commissioners and the various departments taxed with accomplishing this unsavory job.

In order to fairly analyze what a citizen does get for their tax dollar, a good place to begin is with what must be delivered versus what may be delivered with taxpayer dollars.

The highest spender on the list of services mandated by the State of Michigan is the court system. Yet, as Rudi Edel, Court Administrator

for the newly-created 46th Circuit Court, said, "Courts do not make a profit."

"The courts nor government were ever designed to make a profit, though they may make every attempt to recover or collect reasonable costs to cover these operations," continued Edel.

The new combined 46th District Trial Court is doing an exceptional job in this area, and they are doing it against some steep odds.

The law of the land guarantees that every citizen has 'the right to a speedy trial.' Still, the same law that mandates the system — Crawford County in this case — must pay for providing attorney representation in criminal cases expected to extend beyond a 92-day incarceration period for the accused.

"We've held down the cost of court-appointed attorneys," said Edel, "but due process still costs Crawford County \$75,000 per year for court-appointed legal defense." See "Crawford County..." pg. A-3

County stems river of 'red ink' Deficit nears an end, for now

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

"We're making inroads as we speak," said John Hartman, Crawford County Board of Commissioner's Chair. "Not all departments, but most have plugged in their figures and it's looking good."

The \$800,000 shortfall for the beleaguered county's 1998 fiscal year, with some serious trimming and old-fashioned cooperation, has apparently been slashed to less than \$160,000.

"All of this, and we haven't had to use the ax yet," said Commissioner Lynnette Corlew, chair of the coun-

ty's Ways and Means Committee as she pondered the next line of reductions.

"These cuts and sacrifices have been purely voluntary," she said, "and the employees and department heads have done it without laying off anyone or going to a shorter work week."

What departments or areas may have suffered the most, or been eliminated, are yet to be identified by the Board.

One department head has offered to return a portion of his salary to the General Fund. Other departments will continue to work without filling vacant positions or attempting to meet requests for salary increases to supervisory personnel.

Some special commission members are refusing to take their per diem pay for attending monthly meetings.

The AFSCME union wage and benefit contracts, covering most hourly employees of county government, have already been negotiated

for 1997-98 and will not be reopened.

County road patrols will remain in place for now, as will the 911 system.

"Most of the major savings," said Joseph Wakeley, County Treasurer, "are in paring out the requests for people and equipment in each department."

He did admit, however, that some of the savings are for the short term, and that the workload pressuring county employees is increasing dramatically.

Are operating millages to pay for some county services on the horizon?

"We have no cash reserves," Wakeley admitted, "and we've been delivering a lot of services to Crawford County without raising taxes. We have to do something, because these adjustments are really only temporary."

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners scheduled for March 10, was called on account of See "County Stems..." pg. 2-A

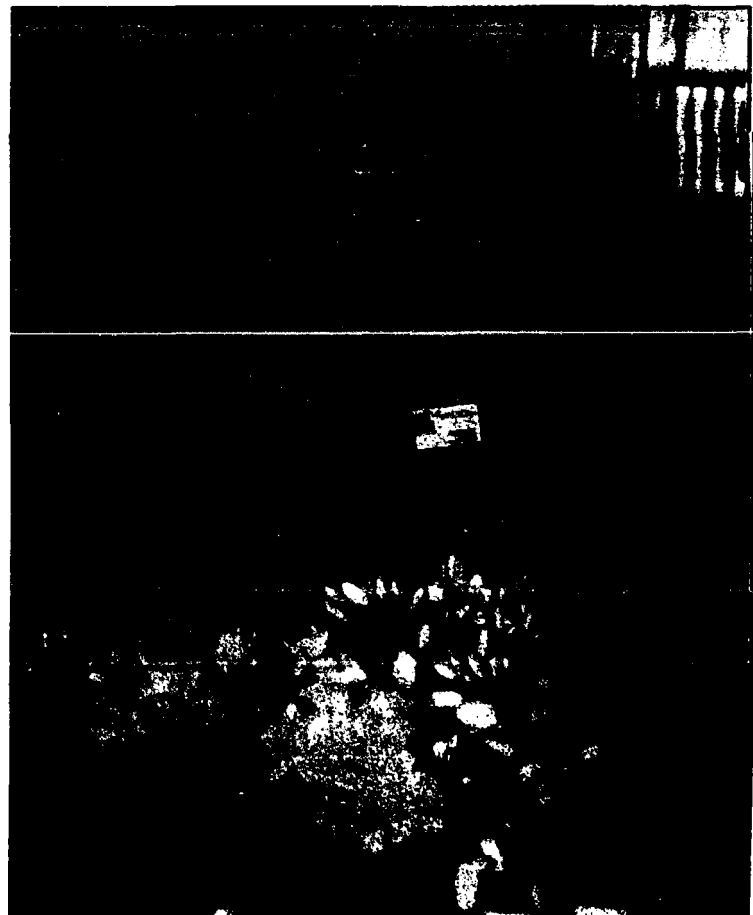
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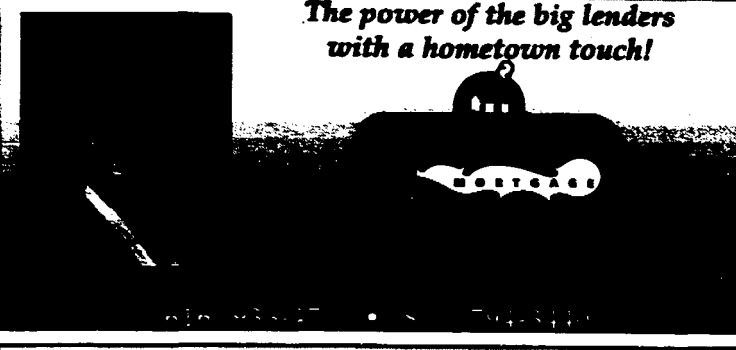
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A SURE SIGN OF SPRING -- Christa Linderer, a Mercy Hospital employee, spread a little sunshine on March 17 during the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days at the hospital and Mercy Manor, by delivering 124 bouquets to patients. Generous donations from businesses and individuals provided the funds for over 550 bouquets prepared the night before by the Crawford County Unit's volunteers. Bouquets were also delivered to patients at The Meadows of Grayling and area shut-ins.
Photo by Linda Golnick

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Acting Up Theater to perform at local schools

Grayling based Acting Up Theater Company, Kirtland Community College's resident theater company, will hold residencies and performances at the local schools in April and May.

The theater company was recently commissioned by C.O.O.R. to create two 20-30 minute historical play scripts celebrating Michigan's cultural and environmental assets.

The performances will take place at area elementary schools, with second and fourth grade students partic-

ipating.

Beginning March 16, the company will provide week-long, in-school theater performance residencies for the 12 C.O.O.R. area elementary schools.

Each week of residency activities will culminate in a school day performance by the students for their entire school.

Residencies and performances are scheduled to take place at the AuSable Primary School April 20-24 and at Grayling Elementary May

18-22.

Following a lengthy period of travel and research, Kurt Thoma, Producing/Artistic Director, wrote two plays.

Legends, Tall Tales and Facts is a play for second graders which details Michigan's creation and founding.

Adventures in Times and Place is a play for fourth graders that examines events and personalities that shaped the Michigan we know today.

"This project will build self-esteem while educating, entertaining and teaching the importance of teamwork," said Thoma. "Each student will walk away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of Michigan's diverse heritage and a sense of accomplishment, being able to say, 'I did that!'"

Working on the project with Thoma is Assistant Teaching Artist Chad Patterson of Grayling and Interns Suzen Rosa and Kitty Rach of Higgins Lake and Sarah Mroz of Luzerne.

For additional information, please contact either Kurt Thoma or Acting Up Business Manager Natasch McCuan at 517-275-5121, ext. 261.

Countys red ink' Deficit nears an end, for now

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The next regular meeting scheduled will be on March 24 at 9:30 am.

Sheriff's Report

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents: One assault, two larceny, one vehicle theft, three fraud, one stolen property, three property damage.

One public peace, 10 health and safety, three miscellaneous criminal, one SkipNumb, one minors, 23 accidents, one parking violation.

Five traffic safety, nine snowmobile, three false alarms, one accident other, four civil/family trouble, five suspicious situation, one lost and found property, one missing person, seven general assistance and 17 general non-criminal.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office incident report for the week of March 9 to March 16, 1998, reported a total of 104 incidents.

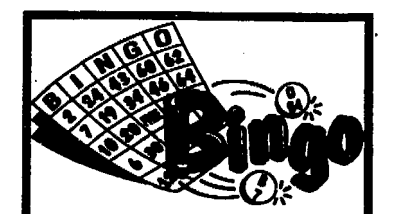
RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of March 18 through March 24, 1998.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

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Landfill becomes part of big corporate merger

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The 1997 sale price of City Management's multiple assets to USA Waste was disclosed at a purchase price of \$750 million. Acquiring landfills and trash hauling companies is obviously a very profitable business.

"Little counties like ours can't afford to build a new dump," lamented a commissioner from Crenshaw County, AL, when their landfill was absorbed by another trash hauling giant in 1992. "The laws were set up for big business to monopolize the entire industry."

USA Waste announced on March 11 of 1998, that it too was merging and acquiring trash transfers in Waste Management of Oak Brook, IL, the nation's No. 1 trash-hauling business.

USA Waste, when selling its controlling interest to Waste Management for a whopping \$870 million, will accomplish the merger of the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 trash hauling businesses.

"The vast majority of operating workers — and those at landfills and driving trucks," said a corporate memo from the interim manage-

ment of the new giant, "are in no danger of losing their jobs." The joint business affairs of the merged companies will be managed from USA Waste's corporate headquarters in Houston, TX.

Waste Management, the 14th largest public company in the Chicago area, has 58,800 jobs worldwide; USA Waste has 17,700. Waste Management announced a \$1.8 billion loss for 1997 against revenues of \$9.2 billion.

Fortunately for Crawford and Otsego Counties, certain compliance provisions were built into the purchase agreement of the landfill, so that future environmental soundness of the landfill would be assured.

The purchase agreement guaranteed the hiring of a county environmental monitoring official, who would be admitted to the premises at all times to obtain information and to personally inspect the operations there. This official is Patrick Merrill, and he works closely with the state's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

In addition, and according to an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directive of recent date:

"Each solid waste management plan shall include an enforceable program and process to assure that the non-hazardous solid waste generated or to be generated in the planning area for a 20-year period is collected and recovered, processed, or disposed of at disposal areas which comply with state law and rules promulgated by the department governing location, design, and operation of the disposal areas."

Crawford County is currently in the process of establishing a Solid Waste Management Plan for the future of the area. The final slate of participants was approved at the last regular meetings of the County's Board of Commissioners.

Its members include representatives from the solid waste management industry, an industrial waste generator, environmental interest groups, county, township, and city governments, regional solid waste planning agency, and from the general public who reside within the county.

Summarily, what will the new name for the Crawford-Otsego, then CESW, then USA Waste, now Waste Management landfill be? Pure and simple conjecture for the

time being.

"USA Waste is not a good name for a global company," said Waste Management's chairman, Robert S. Miller. *Chicago Tribune, March 11, 1998*

And, Miller's recipe for success in the same disclosure statement?

"I'm going to shrink the competition."

Combined Assets - North America

Landfills:	
USA Waste	182
Waste Management	137
Total	319

Collection Operations:

USA Waste	250
Waste management	400
Total	650

Transfer Stations:

USA Waste	175
Waste Management	164
Total	339



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Insurance for Shoes

For people with certain medical conditions, shoes are more than fashionable foot coverings. They are an important part of a physical or medical treatment plan. A common example is the diabetic patient, for whom the right shoes can be critical to preventing foot sores and infection. In such cases, Medicare and other insurance providers may foot at least part of the bill for therapeutic shoes or shoe inserts. Qualifying for the coverage typically requires certification by a doctor of a medical problem, a comprehensive treatment plan, and the need for special footwear. A prescription may then be granted that can be filled by a podiatrist. Deductibles and price limits may apply to bottom line costs. If you have questions about insurance coverage for foot problems, please

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Eagles share information on new rescue sled

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Chapter of the Purchasing Order of Eagles will be purchasing, with help from the community, a new snowmobile rescue sled for use by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department's snowmobile rescue squad.

The sled and its components are manufactured by Orion Industries, Inc. of Kimball, MN and costs approximately \$4,000.

Model 2400 is a four-ski ambulance sled with hand rails and a non-

skid rider platform for the attending paramedic.

Designed for easy towing, the sled allows deep snow and slush, spun out from the snowmobile track, to slide freely under the sled chassis, reducing drag.

The sled comes equipped with a marine polyester cover that is fastened with snaps and velcro.

Also being purchased is a translucent plastic dome that attaches over the bed of the sled and provides 70% coverage of the patient.

The dome can also be used for

patient protection prior to transport in the sled to an awaiting ambulance.

Because there is also a need in the county for warm weather rescues, the Eagles have decided that the purchase of a wheel kit and gas shock absorbers to convert the sled to a wagon would be a wise investment.

The wagon can be hitched to an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and driven into remote wooded areas that an ambulance cannot reach.

Crawford County Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield is pleased with the prospects of a new rescue sled.

"It's terrific," said Wakefield. "The other sled is so old and outdated. We will be happy to have it replaced."

The rescue sled currently being used by the snowmobile rescue squad was made in 1974 and the fiberglass body has cracks in it from years of use.

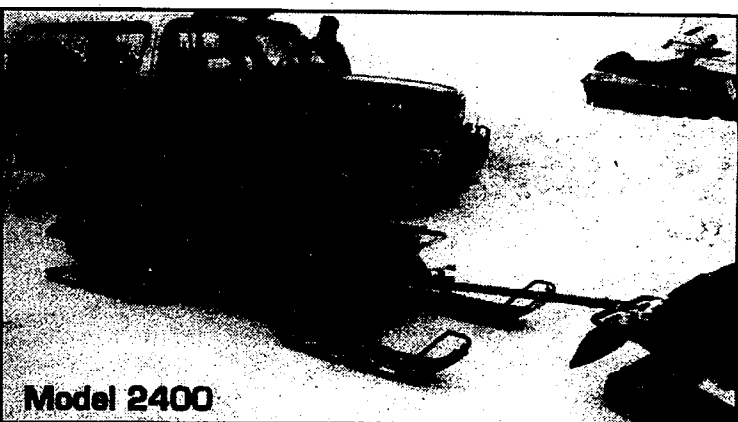
GHS to hold Math, Science and Art Fair

Grayling High School is holding a Math, Science and Art Fair, which will be held on March 21.

The projects, to be submitted by students in grades nine through 12, will be set up in the high school gym on March 20. Judging will take place at 5:30 p.m. that day.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place in various categories.

The projects will be open for public viewing on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.



Model 2400

SNOWMOBILE RESCUE SLED -- The Grayling Eagles Chapter will be purchasing the new sled for use by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. The sled will also be able to convert into a warm weather rescue wagon.

Crawford County mandated services -- the criminal justice system and its many costs

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Juries, in addition, cost the county thousands more.

Crawford County, nonetheless, still pays the minimum for a juror — \$15 a day — which, according to Edel, "was the fee established 80 years ago!"

But there's more: There are medical and psychological examinations, the cost of expert witnesses, transcripts, costs set by statute for recording the proceedings, and yes...the costs incurred in the defendant's right to appeal all of the above.

Can the Courts in Crawford County function on a 4-day work week, considering the red ink coloring the budget picture?

"Absolutely not," said Edel.

Timing and time are such important factors in the court system that achieving due process deserves some explanation. To begin with, because the right to a speedy trial is a constitutional right, it becomes a mandated service by its mere nature. County government has no options; it must deliver and pay for what it delivers.

According to Edel, when adults are arrested, they have a right to a bond hearing within 24 hours of the arrest. They have the further right to a full criminal arraignment by the following business day of the court.

In the case of criminal charges, the defendant has a right to a full preliminary examination within 14 days. A jury trial (if requested) must be completed within 180 days.

"If the Sheriff brings us a good case," said John Huss, Prosecuting Attorney for the county, "we can save time and money." If not, the opposite could be costly and an inef-

ficient use of county funds and time.

Looking at recouping the dollars for attorneys, the cost of necessary documentation prepared and filed by the Prosecutor's office, and the scheduling of witnesses and jurors — even to include returning 'reasonable costs' to the General Fund of the county — seems a stretch of the imagination.

Taken alone, the court system and prosecutor's office combined recover an amazing 77.8 percent of the costs they incur.

But, to round out the total equation for delivering an efficient and speedy system of justice, costs incurred by the Sheriff's department and county jail operation must be added.

Adding all of these factors together, the percentage of costs recovered by the total justice system takes a dramatic drop to 40.3.

These figures do not include the 911 Central Dispatch system, which is not a state mandated service but is vital to conducting the County's business. This system of emergency response and the county's dependence upon it will be covered in another report.

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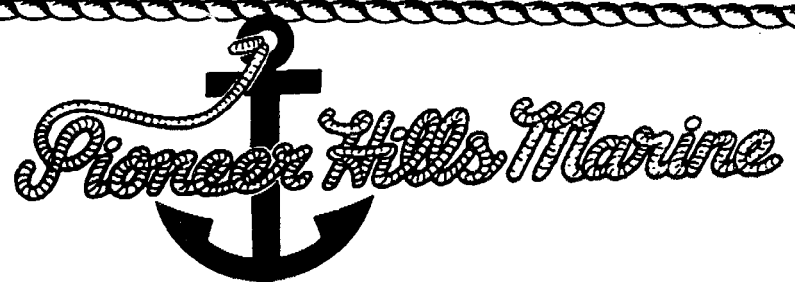
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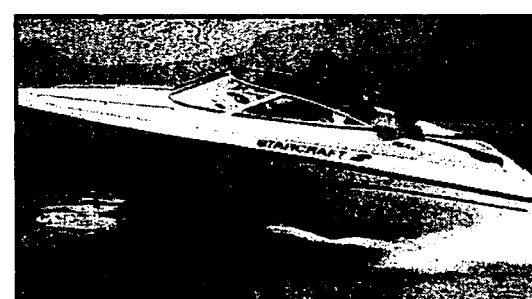
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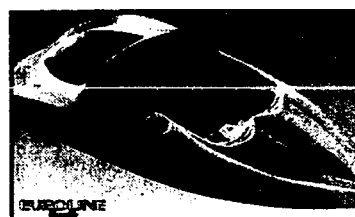


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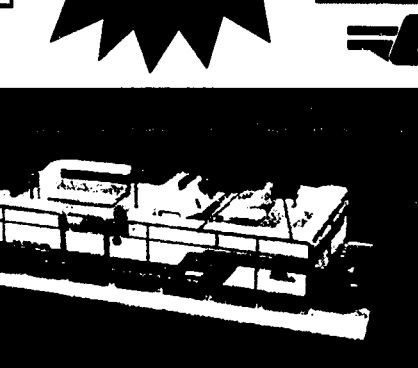
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by Richard Milliman

A new Great Lake? It's all about pork

THE WONDERFUL world of Washington pulled a doozy the other day. The Congress decided that regardless of history and nature, there are six Great Lakes instead of five. This sleight of hand was accomplished with a simple little old "clarifying amendment" hung on a spending bill on its way through the lawmaking process that added only seven words: "The term 'Great Lakes' includes Lake Champlain."

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont was the culprit — or hero, to those who happen to live in Vermont. What's the big deal? The change means that universities in any state adjoining one of the Great Lakes is eligible for a special pot of federal money available to study problems of the Great Lakes.

Thus, schools in Sen. Leahy's home state are eligible for these federal funds. Although swine are not known as water-loving animals, it sure smells like a prime case of political pork, maybe just a little fishy, too.

THERE'S NO logic to designating Lake Champlain as a Great Lake, although Mr. Leahy and his support-

ers try mightily to justify it. The six lakes share many of the same characteristics and problems, they contend. They have common fish species. They were all formed when glaciers receded after the Ice Age. Lake Champlain has zebra mussels that have spread from the real Great Lakes, plus contamination from airborne deposits from all over the Midwest, it champions claim. Lake Champlain boosters also boast of their own sea monster named Champie — "amended" from Scotland perhaps. And Sen. Leahy claims — with a nearly-straight face — that if the British had not been defeated at the Battle of Lake Champlain during the American Revolution, "we'd all be singing God Save the Queen."

ARGUMENTS ON the other side are overwhelming. One is gallage. Lake Champlain contains 6.8 trillion gallons of water; Lake Erie has 128 trillion gallons. Lake Superior 3,194 trillion. Another surface. Lake Champlain covers 490 square miles. The small-est of the Great Lakes, Lake Ontario, is 15 times larger. Lake Superior covers 22,300 square

miles, and Lake Huron 23,000. Try Geography. The real Great Lakes form a continuous chain and drain into each other from west to east, while Lake Champlain just sits there on its own, bordering New York and Vermont, draining into a river. Or go to the record book despite the congressional action, spokespersons for both the World Almanac and Rand McNally organizations indicate they won't change their designations. Shakespeare said it succinctly: A rose by any other name smells as sweet, and naming a lake something else doesn't make it so.

THE ACTION may not stand. U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, whose district runs along the Lake Michigan shoreline, is rounding up co-sponsors to his bid to undo the Leahy amendment. U.S. Rep. Dave Camp, backing the Upton correction, suggests the alternative of making Houghton Lake the seventh Great Lake. It makes just about as much sense. This movement could go on and on. State Sen. Walter North, whose northern district hits both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, is push-

ing a state resolution urging Congress to revoke the designation. "This is a deplorable money grab and that's all there is to it," Sen. North said. Other anti-Champlain comments are not as polite. Rich Czuba, Michigan's travel director, calls it "the prostitution of common sense." National columnist George Will, who once lived in Michigan, invokes "the unassailable principle that any piddling puddle you can see across is not a Great Lake."

ALWAYS THERE are lessons to be learned in politics. One is to always be wary of the fine point, especially the "little old clarifying amendment." Another is never to take anything for granted. Someone else usually is trying to rip off what you have, or to muscle in on a good deal. And question is worthy of federal funding, why can't it stand on its own, and not hitchhike where it doesn't belong?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

SSI kids' families urged to take advantage of free legal help

by Jerome Shestack, President, American Bar Association

It's not often that you get a second chance in life, but almost 90,000 children with disabilities will get just that because the Social Security Administration (SSA) has mailed out second redetermination notices to children whose benefits were terminated since last summer from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program due to welfare reform.

Families who receive these notices also will find a new vital feature included: statewide hotline numbers where they can get free legal representation, which the American Bar Association (ABA) and children's advocates believe will greatly improve SSI families' chances of retaining funding.

As soon as SSI families get these notices, they should use the hotline numbers to link up with a lawyer who will represent them; without charge, during their new SSA review.

Time is of the essence. The ABA urged the SSA to issue new redetermination notices and to include the statewide hotline numbers for free legal help to ensure that these children get their right to due process and not just an administrative review.

On Dec. 17, 1997, the SSA finally agreed to do just that.

ABA Commissioner Kenneth Apfel is to be commended for taking this step toward treating these most vulnerable of children fairly.

As before, families will have ten days to file an appeal and retain funding during the appeal process, 60 days to appeal.

The SSA's own internal report on the termination program found that many families did not appeal within the necessary ten-day period to con-

tinue funding because they feared the SSA warning that they might have to repay funds paid them during the appeal process.

Quite simply, these impoverished families would not be able to comply with such a demand — their dire financial straits were why they qualified for SSI originally. The SSA notifications fail to mention repayment waivers.

The SSA's internal report also confirmed reports that clients were given misinformation or misunderstood the SSA information they did receive.

The SSA agreed that errors had been made, and many children had been unjustly cut from the program.

To his credit, SSA Commissioner Apfel agreed to take steps to correct these measures, including conducting further field training for SSA staff on SSI regulations, giving those doing the reviews additional information to aid them in making their decisions fairly.

However, the ABA still believes these families should have legal representation to make certain they have a fair hearing. The administrative review procedures are complicated and difficult to understand. The process has many stages.

The ABA encourages these SSI families to take the hand extended to them by the nation's lawyers. Our offer of free legal services is sincere. Our concern for your children is sincere.

This is one battle in life that you don't have to face alone, and don't you have enough already? Let our volunteer lawyers help you help you and your children.

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EDITOR

Voters praise Rep. Allen Lowe

To the Editor:

Whatever goal Allen Lowe seeks, we hope he achieves it.

We have known Allen many years and a more decent, honest, and hard-working person you would be hard pressed to find.

It was all of our lucky day when he won his bid for the 105th District, as we were wholly represented in the

north and we are proud to say we voted for him.

Good luck for the future, Allen. We and they will be fortunate in whatever service of the people you decide on. The veterans and Northern Michigan were never better represented.

Helen Crawford
Lloyd Crawford
Grayling, MI



POINT OF VIEW

Terry Wright,
Grayling Township Supervisor

Supervisor clarifies charter issue; reminds us of spring wildfire safety

A recent article in the *Crawford County Avalanche* titled "Grayling Township ponders taking on Charter status," has caused many people in the township to ask if there is a pending threat of annexation by the City of Grayling.

The answer is a definite NO. There are no plans in place for the city to annex any of Grayling Township, however, that doesn't mean annexation will never happen and the members of the township board of trustees are searching their options so, if and when that day comes, they will be prepared.

Even under charter rule, Grayling Township does not provide the basic municipal services required to stop annexation, so it makes little sense to become a charter township yet.

As the *Avalanche* article explained, charter townships are obligated to provide more basic services than a general law township, including municipal water, sewer, and police protection, none of which Grayling Township currently provides.

I believe the time is drawing near when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will require collective sewage treatment facilities in

densely populated, environmentally delicate areas like the east and north shore areas of Lake Margrethe.

When that happens, it will be time for Grayling Township to more seriously consider charter status.

The strange "El Nino" winter we have just gone through that brought us much less snow than we need, and predictions for a warm and dry spring, have me seriously worried about the threat of wildfires.

If we're not all especially careful, we could have a repeat of the big fire of May 8, 1990. That day more than 6,000 acres burned in Grayling Township. More than 200 homes and buildings were destroyed and it was a miracle that no lives were lost.

That fire was the greatest disaster in 130 years of modern Crawford County history.

Please be careful with brush and leaves this spring. Don't burn them. Instead bring them to the township recycling center, regardless of where you live in Crawford County.

A permit is still required if you want to recycle or dispose of anything other than leaves and brush...and you must live in Grayling Township to purchase a permit.

EDITOR

Local resident addresses Crawford County budget woes

To the editor,

Glancing at the previous issue of *The Crawford County Avalanche* the word "wallowing" came to my attention. So...I decided to look up its origin. Webster stated, "to turn." Reading further the word "budget" caught my eye for some reason, so I decided to look it up in the dictionary. Originally a budget was a "pouch." The English got the word from the old French "bougette," which was a "leather bag."

Those of us who live in Crawford County are wallowing in a leather bag. The question is: "Who controls the strings?"

It is difficult for me to understand why the members of a governing body would wait for six months into the fiscal year and then have to pay someone to come in and tell them they are \$400,000 over their budget. This means that they spent \$400,000 they didn't have and if their spending maintains its current rate they will be \$800,000 over the budget by end of their fiscal year. Where was the captain of the ship? Why didn't they say, "NO!!! We don't have any

money."

It would appear that we need a new program.

Will someone explain to the taxpayers why, how and what caused the plan to "wallow?" What about all the people whose future will now become questionable... Will someone explain to them where it went wrong?

Were the Road Commission's expenses included in the \$400,000 deficit? Should they be?

It is my sincere hope that someone will define the problem and then provide us with a solution. How do we prevent this from happening again? Maybe we should listen to what the people have to say rather than having one-sided conversations.

My Grandfather asked me many years ago if I knew the definition of a "zealot." I looked at Grandfather and said, "No." He said, "A zealot is a person who, once they determine they are going in the wrong direction, doubles their speed."

Kenneth L. Eldridge,
Grayling

Are county commissioners ducking media attention?

To the editor:

A few weeks ago, I read a front page article in your paper that indicated that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners had changed their regular meeting day to Tuesday, which is the *Avalanche's* production day, to prevent coverage.

Specifically, the article said the day was changed to prevent the editor from attending the meetings because of an unfavorable article he had written.

I was appalled at that explanation. I know that was not the excuse given at the time. I feel that it was accurate. I believe every county commissioner who allowed the meeting date change to occur, in order to prevent media coverage, has done an injustice to the public they serve.

The media acts as a watchdog for the public. By preventing the media to attend, or by knowingly adjusting their meeting schedule to make it difficult or impossible for the press to attend, the commissioners prevented their public from attending. They closed the doors to the voters that they are suppose to represent.

I can't help but wonder if the current budget problem could have been averted if the actions of the commissioners were in front of the public.

The county board of commissioners seemed to have plenty of money available to change the sign in front of the county building to now read, "Crawford County Governmental Offices."

Linda Sherwood
Meritt

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Betty asks...

Question of the week:

Do you think assisted suicide should be legalized?

Chuck Silk
"Yes, I don't think anybody should have to suffer. I lived with two parents who suffered too much!"

DeAnne Swiercz
"If somebody is of sound mind, then that's what they should be able to do."

Ron Bell
"Absolutely, I watched too many of my family members suffer."

Terry Adkinson
"No, because God didn't want it to be that way."

There you have it... I think this is a very personal matter and everyone has to make his or her own decision.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area.

BRIEFS

Hospice Bereavement training

Mercy Amicare Hospice Spiritual coordinator, Mary Beth Dettling will be presenting a Hospice bereavement training March 26 from 9 a.m. to 12, for persons interested in becoming a bereavement volunteer.

Mercy Amicare Hospice Bereavement services follow the Hospice patient's family for the first year after the death of their loved one. Volunteers assist with the adjustment of new roles, learning task that may be new to them and offering emotional support.

If you are interested in attending, call 1-800-424-1457 or (517) 348-4383 to sign up or for more information.

River restoration group meeting set

The first semi-annual meeting for 1998 of the Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee will be Wednesday, April 22 at 1 p.m. at the Huron Pines RC&D Office, located at 501 Norway in Grayling.

Camp's Rep. to visit Grayling

A representative of Congressman Dave Camp will be visiting the Grayling Community Chamber of Commerce on March 31. Brent Neubecker will be meeting constituents between 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss any federal issue or matter. The Grayling Community Chamber of Commerce is located on 213 South James Street. If you are unable to attend but wish to discuss a federal matter, please call 1-800-342-2455.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

Grayling Lions Lucky 13 winner is Brad Scheer of Grayling.

Tabernacle to host Evangelist

Abundant Life Tabernacle will be hosting Evangelist, Ralph Rawls, Sunday, March 22 thru Wednesday, March 25. Ralph shares a vibrant message of hope, encouragement, and the love of Jesus. He and his family live in Garner, North Carolina. Ralph will be conducting services at Abundant Life Tabernacle. Please call 348-5325 for more information.

11th Annual Pictionary Olympics

The Grayling Promotional Association is sponsoring the 11th Annual Pictionary Olympics to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 20. At least 15 teams will compete. Tickets will be available at the door for \$2. Teams interested in competing should contact Jerry VanSickle at Citizens Bank at 348-7631.

1998 High School yearbooks on sale

The Grayling High School 1998 SAGA Yearbook, *Strength in Numbers*, is on sale for \$30 until April 2. Also, free name embossing is available only until that date. After April 2, the yearbook price will rise to \$35.

Purchase by using order form (sent to parents earlier in the school year) or by sending a \$30 check payable to Grayling High School to: GHS SAGA Staff, Grayling High School, ATTN: Adviser Nancy Lemmen, 1135 Old U.S. 27 North, Grayling, MI 49738.

All graduating seniors will get their yearbooks free of charge. Non-graduating seniors must purchase yearbooks.

Teens for Christ choir to perform

The 180 member Teens for Christ choir, sponsored by the Grayling Free Methodist Church, will perform a dramatic musical presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how it affects lives today at the AuSable Primary School cafeteria on Sunday, March 29 at 11 a.m. Fellowship, complimentary coffee and refreshments precedes the program from 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Governor Engler to speak at Houghton Lake dinner

Governor John Engler will be one of the featured speakers at the Crawford-Roscommon Republican Lincoln Day Dinner to be held on April 27, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will take place at the Quality Inn, formerly a Holiday Inn, on M-55 at US-27 in Houghton Lake.

Other speakers include Congressman Dave Camp, Senator George McManus, and House of Representatives members Allen Lowe and John Gernaat.

Also, the Republican candidates for the following positions will be introduced: State Attorney General, State Supreme Court, State Court of Appeals, State Education posts and the House of Representatives seats currently held by Lowe and Gernaat.

Term limits will prevent Lowe and Gernaat from running again. Engler and McManus will be campaigning for what would be their final terms if elected.

Tickets for the Lincoln Day Dinner are \$25 and must be purchased by April 19. Tickets will not be available at the door.

The tickets can be purchased from the following people: Lynnette Corlew, Bruce Bretzke, Kathy Black, Dennis Long, John Hartman, Tike Golinick, Mary Ruth Lowe, Jerry Hayes, Sandy Moore, George Stancil, Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Terry Wright and Art Thayer.

Tickets arrangements can also be made by calling 348-7607 or 348-7253.

Camp fights to protect Army Corps of Engineer's budget

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) has joined other members of Congress in an effort to prevent the Administration from significantly reducing the construction budget for the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Federal government plays an integral role in flood control and storm damage reduction. In 1996, the Army Corps of Engineers' flood control and emergency activities prevented an estimated \$22.3 billion in flood damages across the country.

Throughout the United States, the Army Corps of Engineers has built 400 lake and reservoir projects to store water in periods of excess and release it later. It has also implemented hundreds of smaller, local flood control projects that have been turned over to non-federal authorities for operations and maintenance.

"History has proven that the Army Corps of Engineers play a vital role in flood control and storm damage reduction across America," said Camp. "Now is not the time to drastically cut a program that has helped millions of flood victims rebuild their lives and prevented millions of others from having to go through a similar situation."

"I believe that full funding is imperative," continued Camp. "Flood control programs are an investment in our nation's future. The preventative nature of these programs will continue to result in an enormous savings for years to come," he added.

Many believe that without an adequate federal investment in the Army Corps of Engineers' civil works program, existing construction projects will take years longer to complete, needed lock and channel maintenance will be deferred and proposed new projects may never begin.

The preceding could place the benefits of this program in considerable jeopardy.

"I believe the Corp's programs save our country an enormous amount of money each year," said Camp.

"The 4th Congressional district of Michigan and entire state has endured its share of flooding problems over the years. With a million residents living in the Saginaw Bay Watershed - I am concerned that this budget would prevent the corps from assisting the area in a flood emergency situation. Flood control must remain a priority as the 1999 budget is reviewed," Camp remarked.

Kirtland offers continuing education seminar for nurses

Kirtland Community College will host a conference entitled "Complementary Therapies" to be held on Friday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The conference is sponsored by the North Central Michigan Nursing Continuing Education Consortium and will be held in Kirtland's G.I. Stewart Auditorium.

Topics that will be discussed include *Therapeutic Touch*, *Massage Therapy* and *Aroma Touch*.

The featured speakers are: Mary Ann Frick, Chair of Health Occupations, Nurse Practitioner and Director of Kirtland's Nurse Managed Health Center; Allison Goshorn, Director of Community Services and Kirtland's Massage Therapy Program; Sue Owens, Nursing Faculty at KCC, Candidate-Family Nurse Practitioner, Mercy Health Services North of Grayling and Jean Marie Umlor, Coordinator of Holistic Clinical Practice at Mercy Health Services North Community Care System, Grayling.

Professional nurses and nursing students will receive continuing education credits. The conference will earn participants six and a half hours worth of contact hours.

There will not be any partial credit awarded, participants must attend the entire seminar program as well as the question and answer period and evaluation session.

The fee for students to attend the conference is \$35. The cost for registered professionals is \$45, but only for sign-ups prior to March 18. Otherwise, it is \$50 at the door.

There is also a \$5 discount for each registration in groups of five or more that are mailed together from the same organization.

Registration forms are available at area health care facilities or at Kirtland. Checks should be made payable to: Kirtland Community College Health Occupations.

Kirtland is located at 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon, MI 48853.

For any additional information regarding the "Complementary Therapies" seminar call 517-275-5121 ext. 281.

Correction

In the March 12 edition of *The Avalanche* John Keir and Arthur Thayer were misidentified as members of the VFW. They are members of the American Legion.

The Avalanche regrets the error and apologizes for any confusion the error may have caused.

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FRI 20	•ATTEND A FISH FRY of your choice today.
SAT 21	•MS SCIENCE & ART FAIR @ MS Gym, 10 am •HS SCIENCE, ART & MATH FAIR @ HS Gym, 10 am - 12 noon
SUN 22	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 23	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES 24	•GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER meeting @ St. John's Lutheran, 9 am
WED 25	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm.

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The Bible Speaks

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Longsuffering

Longsuffering is an attribute of God. Longsuffering is being long tempered instead of short tempered. (Psalms 86:15) "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth." God is longsuffering toward the wicked who reject Him. (Romans 9:22) "What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction?" (1 Peter 3:20) "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." Before God destroyed the earth with a universal flood, He was longsuffering by sending Noah to preach 120 years of while he built an ark for the coming flood. (Gen 6:3)

God is also longsuffering toward His elect to bring them into repentance and salvation. (2 Peter 3:9) "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Longsuffering is an attribute which God passed on by His example to the apostle Paul and other believers. (1

Timothy 1:16) "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting." Longsuffering is one evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit present in our lives. (Galatians 5:22) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,"

Christians are given longsuffering for the benefit of ministering to others. (2 Timothy 4:2) "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Longsuffering is a choice we must make for our daily conduct. (Colossians 3:12) "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;" Longsuffering is to be displayed through God's power and joyfulness. (Colossians 1:11) "Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;" Longsuffering is God's love patiently operating under pressure. (Ephesians 4:2) "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in

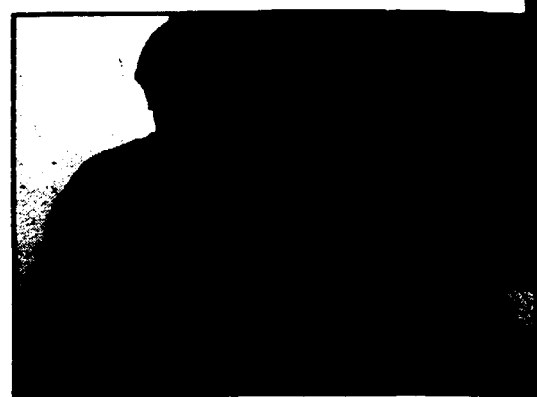
love;"

Longsuffering is a Biblical word we seldom find in either use or practice today. Many of us have neither the time, patience, or will to suffer very long for God, truth, or anything else. But suffering goes with the territory of being a Christian. (2 Timothy 3:12) "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (Philippians 1:29) "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for His sake;" (2 Timothy 2:12) "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us." (1 Peter 4:16) "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."

Pastor "B"

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MATCHES -- (left to right) Cindy Strong, Megan Armstrong, Nicole Alma and Roxanne Flicker Sibs for Kids makes two matches

The Crawford County Sibs for Kids organization made two new matches recently.

Roxanne Flicker and Nicole Alma, both of Frederic were matched up on Jan. 23.

Roxanne is a third grade student at Frederic Elementary School and is involved in the after school Spanish

class.

She likes playing on the computer, rollerblading, sledding, soccer, collecting seashells, baking cookies and making crafts.

Nicole is an employee of DJ's IGA market in Waters.

Roxanne and Nicole spent their first outing together going to the Grayling Pizza Hut and watching *Mouse Hunt* at the Rialto Theater.

On Feb. 4, Megan Armstrong, of Frederic, and Cindy Strong, of Grayling were matched by Sibs for Kids.

Megan is in the first grade at Frederic Elementary School. She, too is involved in the after school

Spanish class.

She likes to play on the playground and enjoys dolls, puzzles, soccer, hockey and rollerblading.

Cindy is a partner of Computer Services Company in Grayling.

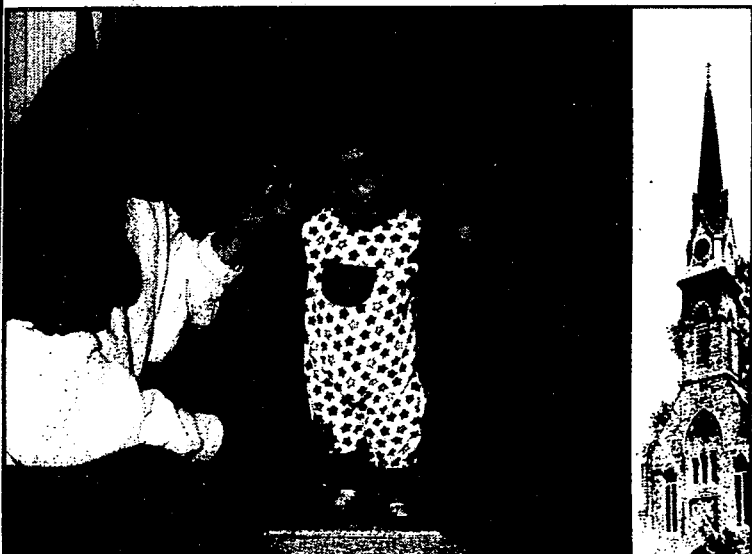
Sibs for Kids is a program of the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau.

The program is designed to match adult volunteers to share a relationship with a child in need of an adult role model.

The current waiting list is nine boys.

For more information or questions about the Sibs for Kids program call Lorrie at (517) 348-2841, ext. 262.

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You can take your most important step this week as you enter your church or synagogue. God is waiting with outstretched arms to love you...to encourage you...to guide you. Trust Him. As unequaled strength and assurance surrounds you, you will falter no more. Each step will be a step toward God.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lamentation 8:31-33	Lamentation 8:34-46	Daniel 9:1-19	Jonah 2:1-10	Habakkuk 1:1-17	Habakkuk 2:1-20	Habakkuk 3:1-18

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Middle School band gets high ratings at Festival

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Middle School 7th and 8th grade bands performed at the Junior High District II Band and Orchestra Festival held in Elk Rapids High School. The eighth graders came back with District II ratings and the seventh grade band received ones.

The District I ratings have earned the seventh grade band members a place in the upcoming state competition to be held in Roscommon.

The music festival, sponsored by

the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, featured 19 middle school bands. Many of the bands received twos, threes and even fours. The rating system spans from I to V, with five being the lowest.

"This was probably the toughest adjudication at a middle school band festival that I have seen in years," said director Dennis Ormsbee of the judging.

One of the judges had this to say to the Grayling band: "In many places your performance did not indicate that

you are 7th graders — you play older! Thank you for playing so well and keep listening to your director."

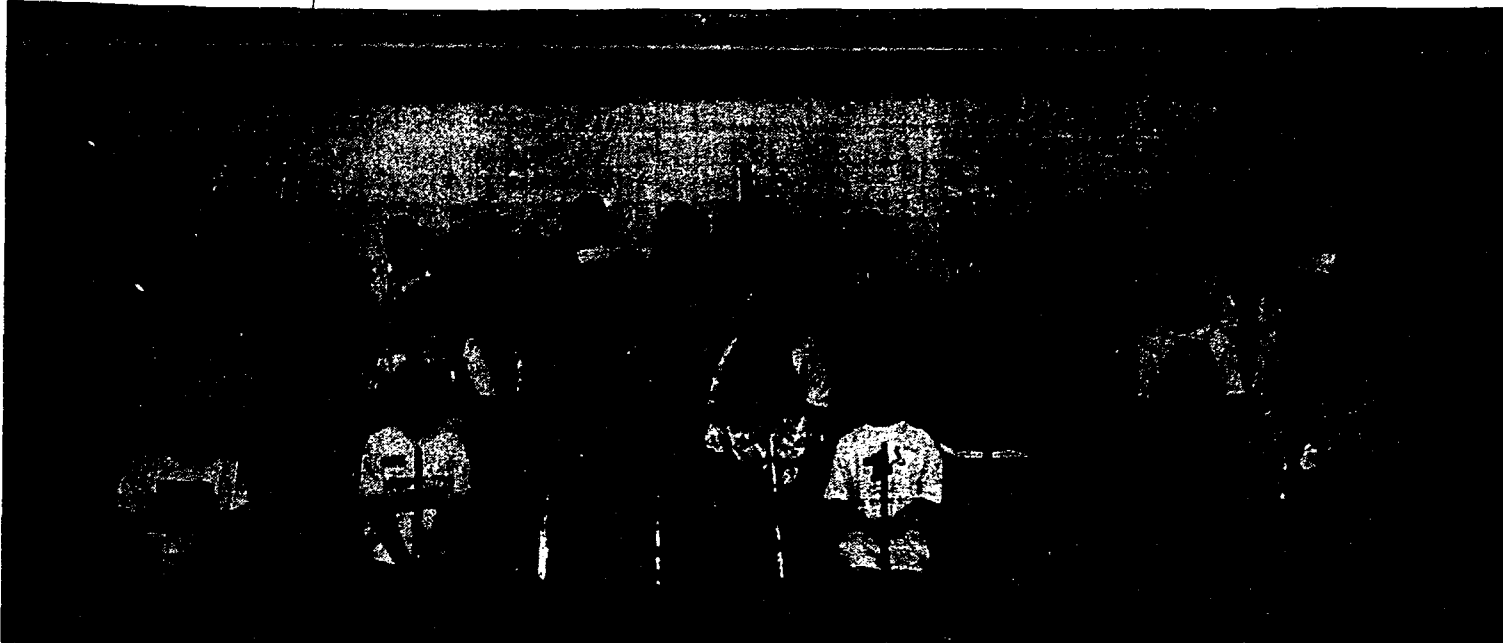
The state qualified seventh grade band performed three numbers: *Spartans of Tomorrow* by Andrew Balent, *American Folk Fantasy* and *Kachina Chant and Dance*.

The band also participated in the required sight reading exercise, which consists of playing a previously unpracticed piece for a judge following a brief preparation period.

The eighth grade band, led by assis-

tant band director David Gott, also performed three numbers in addition to its sight reading exercise: *Pride of the Corps*, *Portrait of a Clown* by Frank Kelly and *Antares* by DelBorgo. Ormsbee was pleased with the performance of the band as a whole.

"I thought the group was very mature not only on stage but at festival and I was proud of them all around. A hard-working group that really showed that in some stiff and tough competition," said Ormsbee of the middle school band.



JUNIOR HIGH BAND FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS -- The Grayling Middle School Band performed at the Elk Rapids Band and Orchestra Festival on March 6. The seventh graders received all Division I ratings, which qualifies them for the upcoming state competition later this spring, date and time to be announced, in Roscommon.
Photo by Caleb Casey

Snow Forts -- a return to childhood



BOYS ONLY -- The proud builders of the snow fort stand before their large, igloo-like creation. (left to right) Jeff Dedafoe, Ben Crawford, Chris Gildner, Ross Crawford and Robert Gildner.

by Shirley Schmoock
Special Writer

"Nine hours! It took us a whole nine hours to build it," said Chris Gildner, as he busily displayed the sprawling snow fort in his front yard. The igloo-like creation was conveniently connected to the family's propane tank, "so we could make it really big," he explained how the tank served as an anchor.

When watching kids at play, the question next to surface is "When did I last roll snowballs so big they created another world; created a place to escape the everyday boredom of go to school, do homework, watch TV, go to bed?"

Snow forts are power, they're otherworldly — they're an inner source of inspiring the soul to achieve greater and bigger things. Snow forts are small-scale, childlike versions of the wondrous ice castles fashioned for the Grayling Winter Sports Festivals of the 1920's, when thousands of blocks of ice were stacked and staggered into gigantic formations.

Queens for a season were photographed upon them; the governor came and schmoozed for the same cameras. Yes, snow forts have always been a spectacular way of exhibiting the human need to build and to show off surplus energy.

Snow forts are special, they're magic — they're an escape into a chilling existence without — ugh, girls!

Well, that's what the sign said. "No girls, allowed!" The all-male chorus agreed with much machismo and blustering finality.

"Ha! Wait until their big sister comes home and sees that," says the mother of masterbuilders, Robert and Chris Gildner. "She'll have something to say — she helped them with the hard parts."

And there were big, hard parts in the fort. It had a central core, and two exits, and a window. It was even landscaped.

But what can the roof support?

"We don't know for sure," said Jeff Dedafoe.

"We were going to try getting up there, but not today," he said. "We

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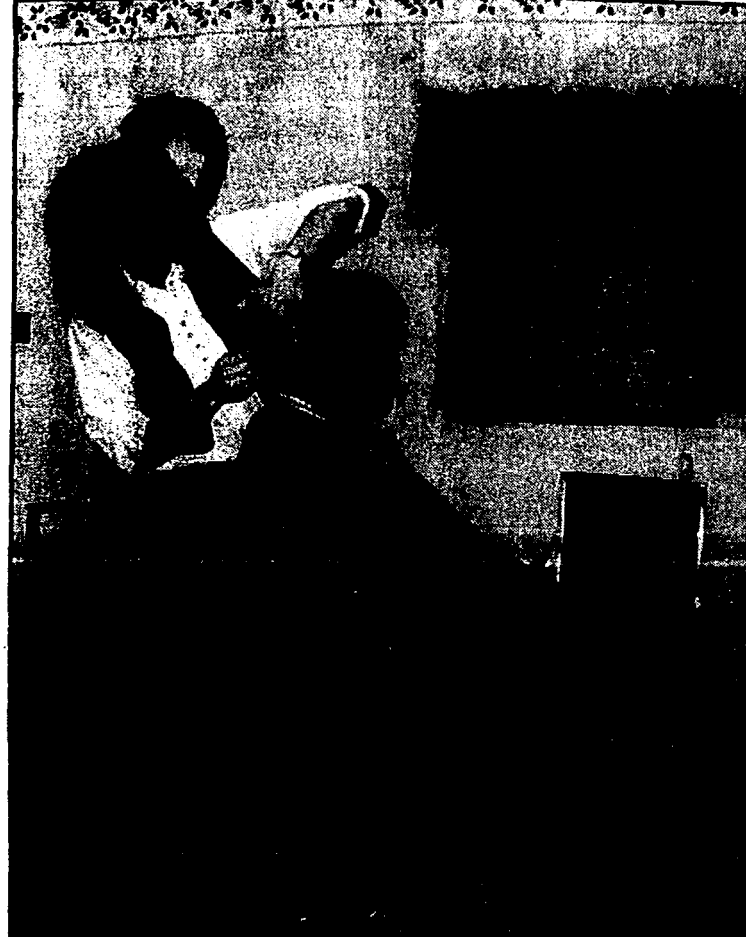
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Clarification
 In the March 12 edition of *The Avalanche*, in the story on Page 1A concerning the Eagles organization, the Ladies' Auxiliary would like to make clear that many people participated in a bowl-athon, involving K-Mart employees from the Grayling and Houghton Lake stores, which made possible a \$1,200 donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Kirtland's Board of Trustees to elect three new members

The Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees has moved its monthly meeting back one week. The Board will now meet Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.
 At the meeting the Board is expected to adopt a resolution that will bring about the holding of biennial elections of the community college district. The resolution will be in compliance with requirements established in Act 331 of Public Acts of Michigan, which was passed in 1996.
 The terms of three Board of Trustees members will be expiring on June 30, 1998. The election to fill the seats of Peggy Diss, Carol Duquette-Kuehn and James Delahanty will be held on June 8.
 The Board seat terms are for six years and will expire June 30, 2004.
 A materials packet for those who wish to run for the Board seats will be available at Kirtland President Dorothy N. Franke's office, the County Clerk's offices in Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties, and the superintendent's offices of six area schools.
 The locations of the six superintendent offices are: Grayling, 403 Michigan Ave.; Roscommon, 814 Lake St.; Houghton Lake, 6001 W. Houghton Lake Dr.; West Branch, 960 S. M-33; Fairview, 1879 E. Miller Rd. and Mio, 158 M-72.
 The packet of materials includes nominating petitions, an Affidavit of Identity form and instructions. The Affidavit requires the signature of a Notary Public. The completed Affidavit and petitions must be submitted to President Franke's office by 4 p.m. Monday, April 6.
 The Board of Trustees meetings will be held in the Board Room of the President's Office, which is located in Kirtland Community College's Administration Building at 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon. The meetings are open to the public.

Old Kent Bank-Gaylord names Kenney new mortgage manager

Keith E. Kenney has been named Vice President/Mortgage Manager at Old Kent Bank - Gaylord.
 Kenney will be responsible for business development, originations and overseeing Old Kent's local mortgage processing.
 Prior to joining Old Kent, Kenney's previous work experiences include: First Chicago/NBD - Regional Mortgage Officer; Empire National Bank, Vice President, Regional Manager; Amerifirst Financial Mortgage Bank, Regional Manager; First of America Bank, Senior Lender.
 Kenney's professional affiliations include: Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, President; Grayling Property Tax Board; Kirtland Community College Foundation Board, Treasurer; Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association.
 "We are very pleased to have Keith join the Old Kent team," stated Charles Berlin, President of Old Kent - Gaylord.
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Wakeley member of music fraternity

Melissa Wakeley of Grayling is a member of the Delta Omicron professional music fraternity at Central Michigan University (CMU). Wakeley, director of musical events, is a senior at CMU majoring in music education. She is also a member of the Conference Brass Quintet, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, trumpet ensemble and Marching Chippewas. Wakeley is a graduate of Grayling High School and daughter of Cy Wakeley of Grayling and Elizabeth Wakeley of Gaylord.

Becks to go on Spring Tour

Hope College freshman, Ann Becks, is a member of the Hope College Symphonette and will participate in the annual spring tour March 19-29. The group will perform in Illinois, Washington and Oregon. Becks is the daughter of Robert and Carol Becks of Grayling.

Wells inducted into Kappa Delta Pi

Joshua Wells, a senior at the University of Michigan (U of M) has been inducted into the U of M chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, a National Honorary Educational Society member. Joshua is the son of Wayne and Nancy Wells of Grayling.

CSI employee passes engineering exam

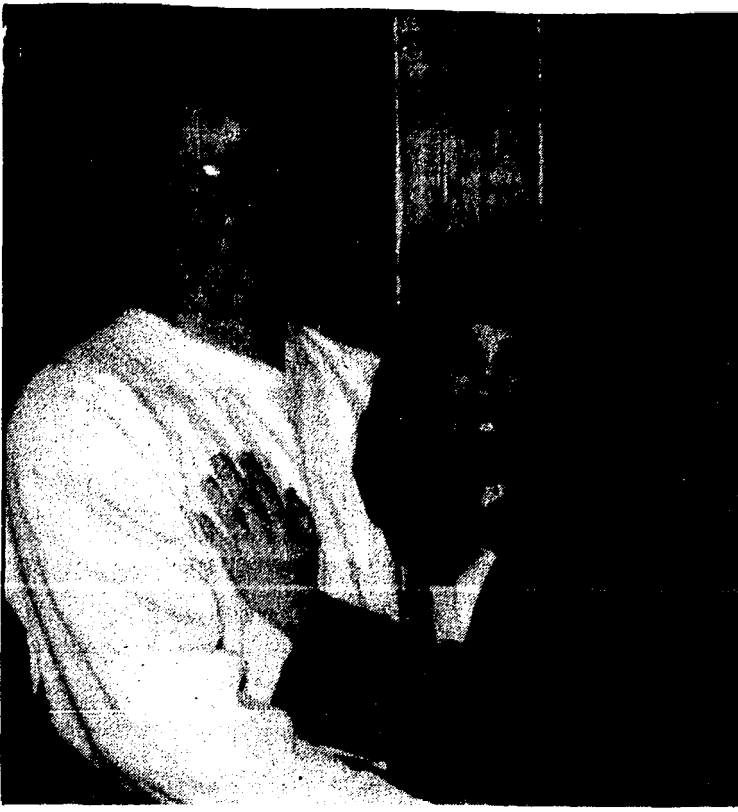
Cory Summers, of Grayling, and a member of the CSI Industrial Systems' Engineering Staff, has successfully passed his Professional Engineering Exam. Summers has been employed by CSI since Oct. 21, 1994.

Croze voted All Conference

Ben Croze, center from Grayling, was voted all Conference by Alpena Community College Basketball Coach Frank McCourt and All State by coaches from the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Croze was the team's leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 12 points and seven rebounds per game. Croze played in the annual Michigan Community College East-West All Star Game at Lansing Community College on March 15.

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Megan's Law -- Does it go far enough? Michigan's Sex Offender Registration Act

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Michigan's version of the Sex Offender Registration Act was initially passed in 1994. It has undergone some important changes since its inception, and here's why:

The Sex Offender Registration Act — Megan's Law — was prompted by the rape and murder of a small child. Megan Kanka was seven-years old, and her murderer was a twice-convicted child molester who lived on her block in New Jersey.

That state's legislature was so outraged by the heinous crime, they began the process wherein sex offenders must register with local law enforcement agencies. In all, 39 states now have similar laws. Some are strict — some are not.

In Michigan, a person convicted of a 'listed offense' must register information about his or her identity, address, and conviction with a local law enforcement agency or the state police or county sheriff. The offender must comply with the act's registration requirements for a minimum of 25 years.

If they are convicted of a second or subsequent offense, they must register with local law enforcement for life. Those 'listed offenses' are:

- * Accosting, enticing, or soliciting a child for immoral purposes
- * Involvement in child sexually abusive activity
- * A third or subsequent violation of any combination of engaging in indecent or obscene conduct in a public place, indecent exposure, or a local ordinance corresponding to either of these offenses
- * Criminal sexual conduct
- * Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct
- * An attempt or conspiracy to commit a listed offense
- * Any substantially similar offense in another state or country

Law enforcement agencies in Michigan must maintain a current listing of the offender's name and aliases, his/her address, and pertinent information regarding the offender's conviction.

And, as of Oct. 1 of 1997, yet another public safety feature was added to this piece of legislation: Senate Bill 959 was made a part of Public Act 494 of 1996. It added the requirement that, "A State Police post, local law enforcement agency, or sheriff's department must make information from the compilation for the zip code areas located wholly or partially within the post's, agency's or department's jurisdiction available for public inspection during regular business hours."

The list of sex offenders may not be published, but anyone may check the register for information during office hours. This portion of the amendment was designed so that community safety could be enhanced.

Within seven days of a new registration, the State Police post covering an area is required to notify the sheriff's department and any police department in any municipality within their zone of jurisdiction.

The current listing, maintained by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, contains 23 names: 20 of those registered carry Grayling or Grayling area addresses, and three of them are registered in Frederic.

In New Jersey and in several other states, law enforcement officials are required to go door-to-door and notify neighbors when a registered sex offender moves into an area. In Michigan, this is not the case.

Should it be? Opponents of Megan's Law say no. Opponents of this law say it's an invasion of privacy.

But as Richard Milliman recently wrote in his *Almanack* column, "if Megan's Law can save even one child from being violated or killed by a non-reformed sexual deviant, it's worth it."

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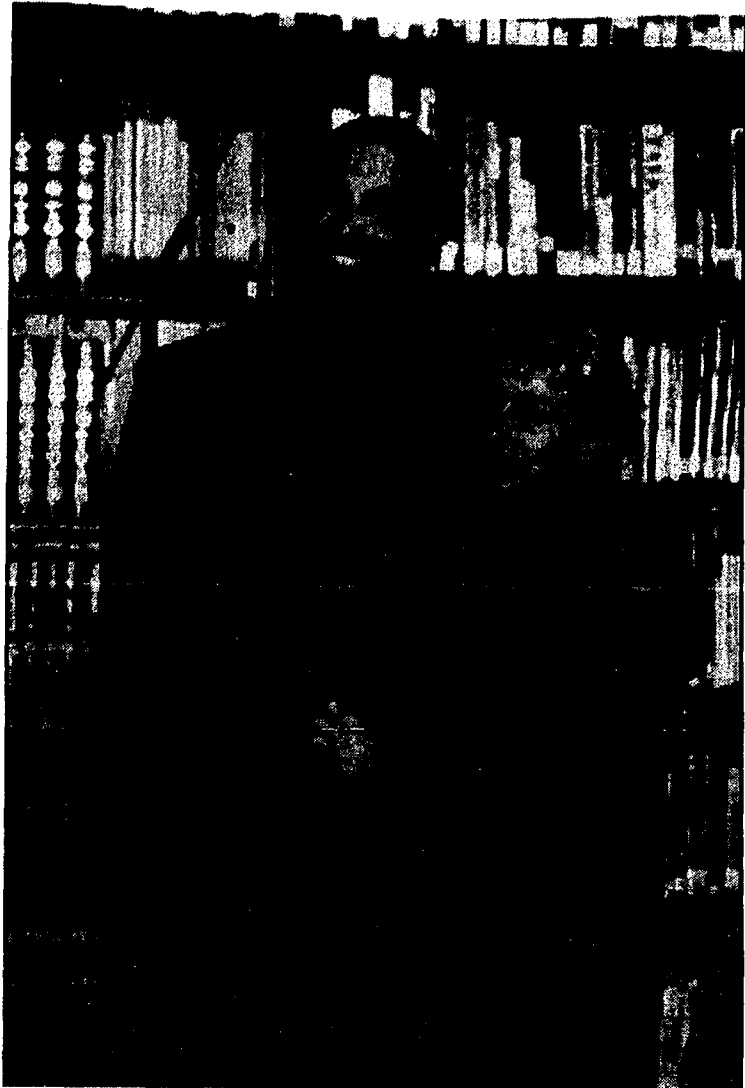
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WRITER VISITS CRAWFORD LIBRARY -- Author Christopher Knight, pictured here with his wife Boots, spoke with a small gathering of local residents at the Crawford County Library. Knight talked about his radio career, his audio book *St. Helena* and his upcoming novel, in addition to answering questions from the audience.

Author Christopher Knight visits Crawford County Library

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Christopher Knight, author of the audio book *St. Helena*, visited the Crawford County Library on March 9 for a presentation and book signing session. During the Monday afternoon event Knight spoke with the audience about his background, the production of his audio book and his upcoming

Knight graduated from Grayling High School in 1982 and began a radio career at Grayling's WQON in 1983. He went on to work at 106 KHQ as an on-air personality and later worked at WGFM, a classic rock station.

Since the beginning of his radio career Knight's specialty has been writing and producing radio commercials. He eventually built a studio in his Topinabee home and still produces commercials for northern Michigan radio stations. Knight no longer does on-air work.

Knight took on his first major writing project in 1995 when he began work on a novel. The book has been picked up by Thunder Bay Press and will be released in May or June of 1998.

The novel is a mystery/thriller type story involving a couple that discovers a shipwreck on the Great Lakes. After completing the novel Knight began his audio book project.

St. Helena is an island just west of the Mackinaw Bridge and home to an

old lighthouse. One day when Christopher was crossing the bridge he noticed the lighthouse on the island and thought it would make a great setting for a story.

After researching the island and lighthouse Knight began writing. In about three weeks he finished with the writing of the text for the audio book's narration.

"You don't need the detail (in an audio book) that a novel would have because you create a lot of it with sound," Knight said regarding the seemingly short time it took him to write *St. Helena*.

The bulk of the time was spent on music and on the numerous sound effects, many of which Knight created himself. Knight said that while he was writing he concentrated on creating a picture in the mind of the listener.

Knight spent over 600 hours on the sound effects and narration for *St. Helena*, focusing heavily on utilizing the power of sound in order to bring about his vision for the story.

Christopher commented that many books on tape don't take advantage of sound potential and in doing so are short-changing themselves.

"A lot of publishing houses are really missing the boat by having just a narrator," said Knight.

Knight's novel will be out soon and plans to take on more writing projects in the future, including more audio books.

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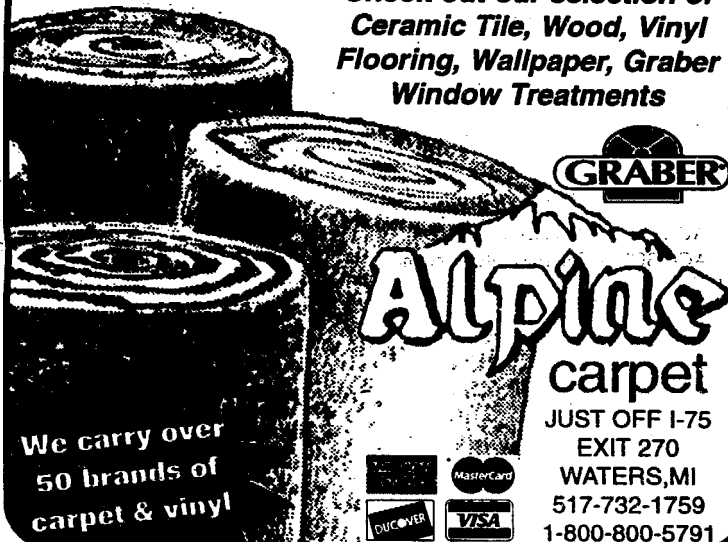
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OBITUARIES

Madonna D. LaMotte

Madonna D. LaMotte, 82, of Grayling, passed away March 12, 1998, at her residence.

She was born in Frederic Michigan to James and Viola (Charlefour) Cariveau on May 21, 1915.

Mrs. LaMotte was a long-time resident of Grayling, moving here from Jackson 66 years ago. She was a member of the Just Us Club since 1933, and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay Morrill of Grayling; son, Robert L. and DeeAnn LaMotte of Powell, Tenn.

Mrs. LaMotte was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; brothers, Marsall and Robert Cariveau; and her parents, James and Viola (Charlefour) Cariveau.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 16, 1998 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling with Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiating. Burial will take place this spring in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Lonnie R. Crowell

Lonnie R. Crowell, 59, of Grayling, passed away on March 5, 1998, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

He was born in St. John's, Mich., to Myron and Irene (Knight) Crowell on March 9, 1938.

Mr. Crowell lived in Grayling for 29 years, moving here from St. John's. He was retired Master Plumber, Lon's Pump and Plumbing Repair.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Crowell; son, Lee Crowell of St. Johns, Mich.; three daughters: Elaine (Reed) Larkins of Kaufman, Texas; Dawn Crowell of Grayling; Renee (Jon) Thomas of St. Johns, Mich.; mother, Irene Crowell of Elsie, Mich.; brother, Dale Crowell of Elsie, Mich.; two sisters: Doris Valentine of Bannister, Mich., and Sharon Gannon of Jackson, Mich.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, Myron Crowell; brother, Billie Crowell; sister, Janet Pope and granddaughter, Jennifer Larkins.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., March 8, 1998, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling with Mrs. Doris Valentine officiating. Burial in Beaver Creek Township Cemetery, Crawford County.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society of Crawford County.

NEWS 348-6811

Josephine M. Scott

Josephine M. Scott, 82, of Grayling, passed away March 10, 1998, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

She was born in South Haven to Ervin D. and Myrtle J. (Stevens) Carter on Sept. 4, 1915.

Mrs. Scott was a resident of Grayling since 1979, moving here from South Haven.

She is survived by her son, Stuart D. and Lynda Scott of Dayton, Ohio; sister, Myrtle Page of South Haven and three grandchildren: Emily, Michael and Lindsey Scott.

Mrs. Scott was preceded in death by her husband, Stuart L. Scott in 1984 and her parents, Ervin D. and Myrtle J. (Stevens) Carter.

Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 16, 1998 at Lakeview Cemetery, South Haven.

James R. Wright

James R. Wright, 70, of Grayling, passed away March 13, 1998 at his residence.

He was born in Crockett County, Tenn. to J.B. and Ollie (Climer) Wright on Oct. 12, 1927.

Mr. Wright moved to Grayling in 1995. He previously resided in Roscommon, Houghton Lake and Carlton. He married Susan L. Hildreth on June 27, 1975 in Davison. He served as an apartment manager. He was a member of the Clio Baptist Church and of the Eagles Club of Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Grayling; six children: Alice (Kenny) Pettire of Pinckney, Mike (Martha) Wright of Allen Park, Jan Marie (Tim) Canoy of Flint, James Wright of Flint, James (Tricia) Vogt of Dearborn Heights, and Timothy (Junita) Wright of Roscommon; one sister, Kate (Jesse) Flores of Flint; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at Steuermol and McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon with Rev. Peter H. Russell officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Barbara E. Henderson wishes to extend our warmest thank yous and blessings to all our friends and relatives who sent flowers, cards, prayers and hugs!! Also a very special thank you to all the wonderful nurses and staff at the Grayling Amicare Hospice. We'll miss our mom and friend. Our dear sweet Angel!

God Bless you all,
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The Henderson Family

National Poison Prevention Week

Children act fast...and so do poisons! In effort to raise awareness of the dangers of accidental poisonings and to encourage people to take preventative measures, March 15-21 has been designated as National Poison Prevention Week.

Numerous substances around a home are potential poisons in the hands of child. Glass cleaners, all-purpose cleaners, laundry detergent, plants, paint and medicines are some of the many examples of substances that can be poisonous when used incorrectly. "Poison Proof Your Home" is the slogan for the 1998 Poison Prevention Week to remind everyone to keep potentially harmful substances out of the sight and reach of children.

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Judy Trailer and family

regional poison control centers receive more than 100,000 total calls. many of these calls would not have to be placed by following some basic rules regarding substances around the home.

• Keep medicine in a child-resistant containers.

• Store household cleaners, bug sprays, medicines, etc., out of the sight and reach of children.

• Don't transfer a poisonous substance to a food or drink container.

• Put a product away immediately after using it.

But should a poisoning occur, it is important to know what to do and be prepared to take the appropriate steps.

The first step is to call the local poison control center, so have that phone number located next to the phone and with other emergency numbers. In Michigan, call 1-800-POISON1 (1-800-764-7661).

Depending on the poison, the center may recommend to induce vomiting using Syrup of Ipecac, to take the child to the emergency room, or to take other action.

It is extremely important to NEVER take Ipecac syrup unless instructed to do so by a poison control center or a physician. Acting on one's own may do more harm than good.

Ipecac syrup is an inexpensive plant extract that is available at pharmacies without a prescription and should be kept in every home. When taken with water, it should produce vomiting.

Another antidote to poison that is sometimes recommended is activated charcoal. This liquid binds to poisons and allows them to be excreted.

Ask your local pharmacist about poison prevention. Pharmacists are a readily accessible community resource with a wealth of information to share that will help improve the health and well-being of their patients.

Poison Prevention Week is sponsored by the Poison Prevention Week Council and supported by the Michigan Pharmacists Association.

Esther C. Hall

Esther C. Hall, 91, of Grayling, passed away on March 12, 1998 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. She was born in Grayling to Francis C. and Elvira (Derry) Jennings on April 16, 1906.

Mrs. Hall, a homemaker, was a life-long resident of Grayling.

She is survived by her daughters: Claribel "Tootie" Wylie of Grayling, Yvonne "Bonnie" Ritcher of Grayling, and Shirley Somero of Grayling; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milford in 1980; son, Jack; grandsons: Rick Richter and Tom Wylie; and her parents, Francis and Elvira (Derry) Jennings.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Mr. Shane Brown and Mr. Peter Mousseau officiating. Burial will be in the spring at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

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Icy build-up can lead to costly repairs

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

If gigantic ice formations, like those pictured, are a familiar sight on your roof this year, then this story is for you. They are called ice dams and they are not your friends.

To kids, of course, they're incredibly irresistible. But icicles were made for kids. One simply breaks off a hunk of the slender ice slivers, and they suck on it all the way to school. Sucking icicles is tradition; it's American.

Unless, of course, these 'American traditions' have grown long and longer on the eaves of your house this year or in winters past. And, while they may be gone for now, with any snow at all, they'll be back to continue to damage your roof.

The very worst that can happen, when ice dams form, is that the pressure of the ice will push the shingles up. When this occurs, and due to excessive buildup of moisture beneath the rise of the shingles, the ice turns to water — then, the walls and ceilings fall down.

Local builder and owner of AuSable Construction, Bill Weaver, said "weather patterns shift, especially up here. Ice dams form when heat escapes, melts the snow, then the outside air freezes it again."

The ice dams that appeared so early this year were about 8-10

inches thick. Unfortunately, once that ice formed, there was no place for the water to drain when the thawing did begin from the heat due to the lack of insulation.

If you have ice dams, then you've probably already experienced the result. The water backed up under the shingles and into your home, or it left the structure soggy and weakened where the water penetrated the wood near the dams.

"Older homes," said Weaver "have little or no insulation in the attic. If that attic is not the same temperature as the outdoors, the ice is going to form on that roof. The ice dams also form around skylights and they'll form around exhaust fan vents."

Heat loss can be readily spotted by driving down any residential street or by any commercial building. The gutters are clogged with ice, and the enormous pressure of the ice can and may pull weakened porches and old trusses into permanent warp. Anyone who has pulled down one of these ice dams knows that ice can weigh a ton!

As the heat from interior rooms escapes into the attics of older homes — and because heat rises — the melt down begins at the top of the roof. As the water trickles down

the roof, usually under the snow, it collects and is trapped by the outside air temperature.

"Proper insulation, vented soffits, and roof caps," said Weaver, "will equalize the attic temperature. Without roof cap vents and gable end vents — even on new homes — ice and water will creep under the metal edging. Here it will expand and contract, and eventually, the water will enter the house and cause the damage."

To ventilate an attic, especially in an older house, roof vents must be installed as soon as weather permits. A qualified roofing company can estimate the amount of insulation and the types of vents required, but exhaust fans are generally useless. They waste energy and often draw in moisture and warm air when they need to be expelling it. Ceiling fans vented directly into the attic are among the worst culprits.

Until spring, the only true relief for the ice damming found on buildings is clearing the snow off the roof and carefully breaking up the ice. A word of caution! This is dangerous work, and the danger increases when well-meaning homeowners without the right tools start hacking away at their homes.

There are a few alternatives, other than complete re-insulation. One is to install heating cables on the eaves. Unfortunately, if these are



BEAUTIFUL, BUT COSTLY -- Ice dams on area roofs are a beautiful feat of nature, but can cause serious damage. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

not properly timed, they can cause a shock hazard or fires. Heat tape is also another method.

Any about-to-be home owner should carefully inspect the property for ice damming. A new building or home does not necessarily guarantee a well-built structure.

In very severe winters, even homes and buildings which do not ordinarily suffer ice damming — do. Ice can gradually build up in the rain gutters from normal, unseasonable melting/freezing/melting combinations of weather. And while a pitched roof will usually shed water, a flat roof will not.

When asked about the ice

damming experienced on the new construction of the addition on the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling, Weaver, it's primary contractor, said, "We weren't finished when it happened, of course, but the older part of the building was never properly insulated. When the electricians and roofers needed to work up there, they had to break through what insulation there was and that let in the air flow."

Other tell-tale signs of improperly ventilated attics are rusty nails or rust spots caused by moisture forming and dripping off nails. A musty smell is also usually noted.

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Rabies in horses rare but on the rise in Midwestern states

Although rare in horses, horse owners should be aware there is a new strain of rabies believed to be spreading from the East Coast to Midwestern states.

Since 1995, three horses in New York state and two in Pennsylvania have been confirmed to have contracted a new strain of rabies found in raccoons.

"It was strongly suspected the horses became rabid after exposure to raccoons carrying the rabies virus," said Ken Gallagher, a Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine Extension equine veterinarian.

In the spring of 1996, two cases of rabies in raccoons were discovered in northern Ohio. Now 40 new cases of raccoon rabies have been identified in Ohio.

Though rare in horses, said Gallagher, horse owners should not ignore the disease, because the animals are very sensitive and susceptible to

rabies, if exposed.

"In addition, the disease is usually fatal to horses, and there is no effective treatment once infected," he said. "Vaccinations given after the horse has symptoms will not stop the virus agent."

There is small risk of transmission from a rabid horse to humans. There have been no documented cases of horse-to-human transmission, but the remote possibility exists, said Gallagher.

Rabies is caused by a virus from the rhabdovirus family. It is primarily a disease of wild animals, such as raccoons, skunks, foxes and bats.

The disease can spread from these animals to people, unvaccinated domestic pets, and livestock, including horses.

"It is typically passed in the saliva from a bite wound," Gallagher said. "The incubation varies from two to 10 weeks, depending on what part of the body is bitten."

Clinical signs are similar to other diseases that affect the horse's nervous system, which makes it difficult to

diagnose.

Affected horses might go off feed or exhibit depression, excessive salivation, difficulty swallowing, lack of coordination, aggressive behavior, hyper-excitability, colic, convulsions or paralysis.

"Death usually occurs three to five days after the onset of signs," said Gallagher. "There currently are no laboratory tests that can confirm rabies in a live animal. A postmortem test is required to give a definitive diagnosis."

Horse owners who suspect their animals are rabid should take special care in handling and confining suspect animals.

Confirmed or even suspicious cases must be reported to respective state veterinarian offices and public health officials. If a horse is found to be rabid, it is usually euthanized to avoid further injury to itself and prevent any transmission to humans.

There are vaccines available a veterinarian can give to horses as young as three months of age. "It does not usually help the horse to vaccinate after being bitten by a rabid animal,"

Gallagher said.

As far as we know, these vaccines are effective if used prior to exposure. Often rabies vaccination is not a priority for horse owners, but they should at least consult with their veterinarian to discuss their overall management program.

Certain factors can increase risk of exposure: 1. Pasturing; 2. Presence of wild animals in the area; 3. Presence of a known rabid animal in the area; 4. Horse traveling to areas with frequent rabies cases.

Gallagher said horse owners should work with their veterinarians to figure out which management factors might affect their animals.

Public health offices and animal disease officials in the states around Ohio are in close contact with public health officials and regulatory veterinarians in the state to monitor this disease in raccoons. Ohio is attempting to control the disease.

Although the risk for horses is not high outside of Ohio, horse people should be forewarned to consider vaccinations when they plan their preventive health programs.

Past experience indicated spread of the virus can be slowed but not stopped. "The epidemicology — the study of the frequency and distribution of disease — of raccoon rabies tells us that the potential of exposure is increasing," he said.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

New memorials at the Crawford County Library donated from Cornell Insurance and Real Estate are Art of Shakespeare's sonnets for George Pimlott, Modern custom guns for Donald Priestly, Disney's family fun crafts for Virginia Babbitt, 1001 things everyone should know about the universe for Joseph Renaud, Lamps in time for John B. Lennon, Lamps and shades for Norma Madill, Salad suppers for Selma (Sally) Kumpula, Great parties for Barbara Jo Hinkle, Joy of cooking for Susan Wardell-Jones, Martha Stewart's quick cook menus for Agnes Nelson, Sophia Loren - a biography for Lois LaGrow, The new cook for Beatrice Baldwin, Heavy Equipment for Claude (Buno) Golnick, Blood and honor for Dr. B.E. Henig, and Lee Bailey's the way I cook for Claribel Goss.

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The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12, Saturday, 12 to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

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LOVE WORTH WAITING FOR -- Wallace Carpenter, 88 and Ruth Taylor, 93 get married on a very snowy day at Grayling Mercy Hospital, with Mayor Ralph Stevens officiating. The two-some would have been married sooner had they known that they wouldn't have to take an AIDS awareness class mandated by the state.

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Wallace Carpenter, 88, and Ruth Taylor, 93, were finally married on March 10 at 3 p.m. at Grayling Mercy Hospital, with Mayor Ralph Stevens officiating, after a delay of unexpected circumstances.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter had to get a signed waiver from their doctor to save them the trouble of taking the state's mandated two-week pre-marital AIDS awareness class. With Mr. Carpenter ailing and needing hospitalization, they just weren't able to attend the class.

Maid of Honor for the bride was Arlene Fraley. Witnesses for the couple were Claire Crandell-Koski and Norman Koski.

Good Neighbor Award nominees sought in area

Empire National Bank has announced that it is soliciting nominees for its tenth annual Good Neighbor Award.

The award is given to individuals or couples who have either given five years of continuous service or shown commitment to a non-profit organization or institution.

The nominee cannot serve in an elected position, nor can they receive any compensation for their work. They must also not have had prior public recognition of their service.

Five individuals or couples will be chosen this year, two from Grand Traverse County and one each from Leelanau, Crawford and Kalkaska counties.

Each recipient will receive a plaque and a \$750 cash award to be donated to the charity of their choice.

Nomination forms are available by calling Joy Olsen in the marketing department at (616) 922-5644 or writing her at P.O. Box 1220, Traverse City, Mich. 49685-1220. Nominations must be received by Monday, April 13, 1998.

Nearly 2,000 apply for trust

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) received approximately 1,950 new applicants during its recent application period, which concluded February 7.

State Treasurer and MET Board Chairperson Douglas B. Roberts said he was pleased with the level of response generated by the program.

"To receive nearly 2,000 new applicants in two months is very good," Roberts said. "The program continues to yield a significant amount of interest from Michigan families."

Seventy-one percent of new applications were for full benefit contracts. Another 21 percent of the applications were for limited benefits, with the remaining eight percent for community college benefits.

The MET office will now work with each applicant to finalize contract and pricing information. Applicants who, after reviewing the materials, wish to participate in the MET program must submit a signed contract with full payment to the MET office later this spring.

"The MET office will notify all new applicants once the final payment date is determined," Roberts said. "We expect this date to fall sometime between April and June 1998."

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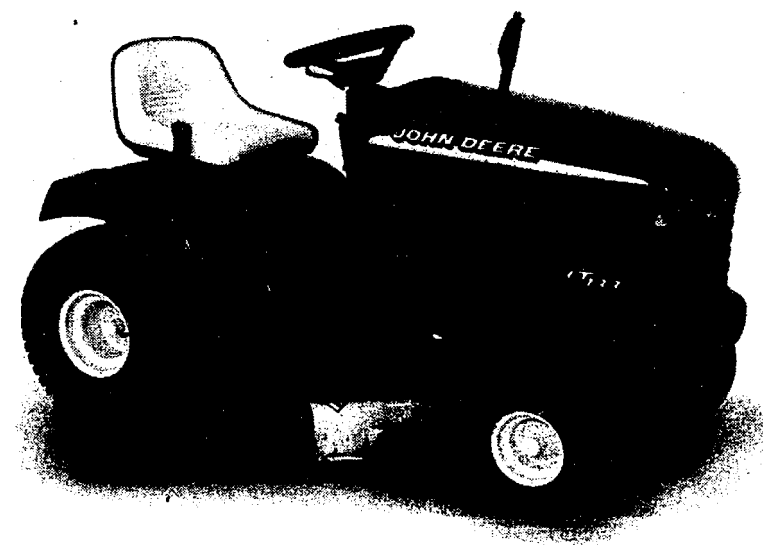
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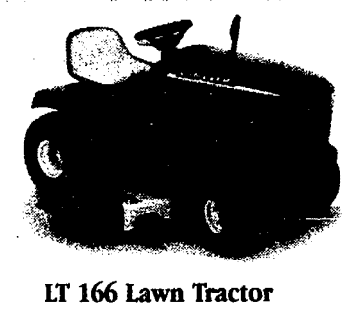


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 Jamie Zelek

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Sixth Grade
 Phillip Armstrong
 Darryl Babbitt
 Daniel Blust
 Hayley Boardman
 Joseph Bourrie
 Roy Czapek
 Krystel Davis
 Jeffery Dedafoe
 Justin Deville
 Timothy Domicik
 Thomas Earls
 Danielle Fedak
 Amanda Felver
 Molly Ferrigan
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 Tony Thomas
 Joni Welch
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 Brek Denewett
 Anneliese Finke
 Kenneth Heinlein
 Jason Henning
 Kevin Jozwiak
 Charles McNamara
 Coleman Payne
 Nicole Persing
 Jennifer Rusiecki
 Monica Safin

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 Danielle Beckwith
 Ashley Beemer
 Andrew Boardman
 Lexi Bondar
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 Christen Cerelli
 Maeghan Corwin
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 Jonathan Boerger
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 Jenna Bugyi
 Keil Clough
 Ashlee Cox
 Joseph Curtis
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April's District Health clinics announced

The District Health Department has scheduled clinics for April of 1998 at the Grayling office. Appointments are necessary for all clinics.

Immunization clinics will take place on April 1, 6, 15 and 27.
 Premarital class is on April 7 and 15.

There will be Family Planning clinics, but those interested must call for information.

WIC's Supplemental Food Program to help pregnant women, infants and children is slated for April 9, 13, 15, 23 and 27.

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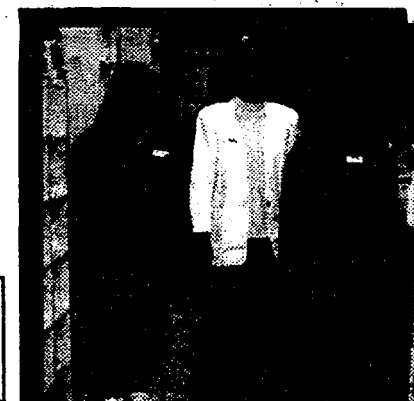
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Fire Safety Program for Frederic youth

The Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of Frederic.

More than 160 young people from the ages of five to 12 will receive educational materials aimed specifically at their age group.

Materials include fire safety guidebooks, which are intended to raise children's awareness of potential fire hazards, as well as posters, folders, brochures and booklets.

The program's aim is to encourage fire prevention and as a result decrease incidents of damage by fire.

The Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of mailing letters to potential sponsors for the program. Chief Dennis Wallace is targeting area leaders of busi-

nesses and industries for financial support in order to cover some of the cost of materials that will be distributed to Frederic's young people.

Those who do not receive a letter from Chief Wallace are still urged to donate and should contact the fire department if interested.

This fire prevention program, the only one of this type the Frederic

Volunteer Fire Department will be doing this year, is being coordinated in conjunction with Bob Koch, the Area Fire Safety Coordinator from the National Fire Safety Council, Inc.

The National Fire Safety Council is a federal tax-exempt non-profit organization. All contributions to the Frederic fire prevention program are tax-deductible.

Area eighth graders to perform in talent show at Kirtland

Eighth graders from five area middle schools will perform at the C.O.O.R. Area 8th Grade Talent Show on Friday, March 20 at 1:15 p.m. The 45 minute concert will be held in Kirtland Community College's Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium.

The middle school students, members of the 8th Grade Theatre Workshop Class at Kirtland, will perform a variety of acts including theatre, piano, singing, poetry and dance.

The members of the Theatre Class, who have been meeting for the past 20

weeks with instructor Ron Koenig, will take care of lighting, sound, backstage work and emcee responsibilities, all in addition to performing.

The concert will feature the following eighth graders:

Regina Rosi, Rachel Ramaswamy, Ashley Nelson, Alexis Sumner, Tasheena Joseph and Jamie Bourrie from Grayling Middle School; Jessica Fay, Lindsay Kaske, Codie Mayhew, Nichole Sarkozi, Sally Walczak and Ester Smith from Roscommon Middle School.

Stephanie Palm, Rae Phelps, Kelly Garvin, Nicole Hall and Amber MacKenzie from Houghton Lake Middle School; Lindsay Cockram, Christina Culbertson and Jillian Dieterle from Surline Middle School and Tessa Yardley and Laura Sussex from Our Lady of the Lake.

The performance is open to the public.

Invitations, Envelopes,
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 available at the Avalanche

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Most of us would be content with our lot, if we had a lot.

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; We are starting a Euchre club on Tuesdays at 12:30; come one, come all! Also, anyone out there that likes to play Bridge, they play on Mondays at 1 p.m. Please give us a call because we always need a fourth and if we get enough "fourths" there will be another table! Give us a buzz at 348-7123 for either card game. COA Board meeting on the 18th at 5:30; Casino trip on the 19th; Legal help at 1:30 on the 20th; Sunday Potluck on the 22nd at 2 p.m.

And let us remind you that any senior is welcome to come to the potluck! Bring your friends along, too, and a dish to pass and your table service. We have a lot of fun and great food! Blood pressures and sugars taken on the 26th from 11 to noon; "Let's D6 Lunch" trip on the 26th and the bus leaves at 11:30; the cost is \$5 plus lunch and milk money. We will be going to The Gobblers restaurant in

Gaylord and maybe do a little shopping, as well. We still have room so give us a call if you would like to go with us. SHARE pick-up on the 27th at the Latter Days Saints Church on N. Down River Rd. from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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- 25 - Roast Beef / Roast Chicken
- 26 - Stuffed Peppers / Tuna & Noodles casserole
- 27 - Ham Steak / no dinner

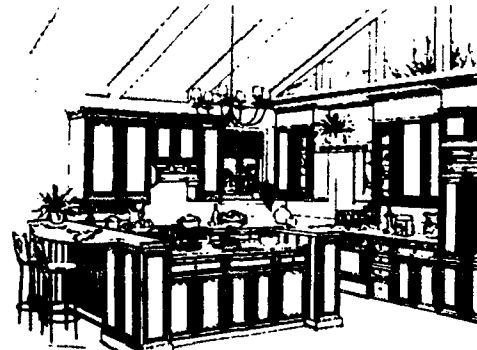
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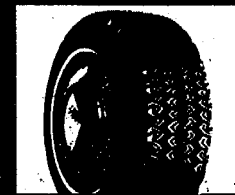
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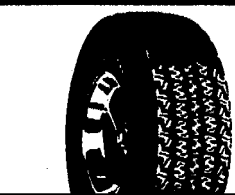


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Child Protection Council seeks help

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council is currently asking local taxpayers, to please mark the 'Check to protect our kids' box and give to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF), when filing their tax returns.

The CTF programs work with families to eliminate ignorance and misunderstanding, both of which are often the cause of child abuse.

Parents — the very people children should be able to trust most of all — are responsible for more deaths of children under five than all childhood illnesses combined. More than 50,000 cases of child abuse and neglect are reported in Michigan every year.

every year.

Nancy Bartkowski, Chairperson for the Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council, says, "The images we see of children are usually those with happy and laughing faces. But those of us who advocate for children know that many of Michigan's youngest citizens suffer at the hands of their very own parents or caregivers."

By joining the ranks of those who fill in the 'Check to protect our kids' box on their annual tax forms, Bartkowski says that funding is made available to local child protection groups. These, in turn, grant funds back to the communities in which the abuse and neglect are occurring.

"We've been around since 1986," she continued, "but it wasn't until October of 1997 that the council really began to do what it was designed to do — set up programs for the protection of children."

"We've purchased materials to use in the schools, and as Board members of the Children's Trust Fund, we've seen the difference that strong prevention programming in local communities can make in improving the quality of life for children."

Becoming a 'Partner in Prevention' extends to citizens of all ages the opportunity to promote positive parenting. The programs funded through the 'Check to protect our kids' are targeted toward combating ignorance and impatience, especially with regard to caring for the newborn and the very young.

The Crawford-Roscommon Child Protection Council attempts to meet the continuing challenges of averting child abuse and neglect. Types of abuses are defined as:

Child Abuse is hurting a child, either physically or verbally. It is also hampering a child's ability to develop in a healthy, normal way.

Child Neglect is leaving a child unable to care for itself, unattended and without regard for proper nutrition, hygiene or basic human needs.

Since 1982, programs funded through the Children's Trust Fund, have served over 500,000 families in Michigan — affecting 2.5 million children. From 1983 through 1996, the CTF has raised more than \$19 million through the income tax check-off or direct donations.

The Children's Trust Fund provides grants to local community organizations for prevention programs: Their main focus has been on:

* Family resource centers

* Pregnancy/newborn skills training
* Parenting skills training and support groups

CTF's primary source of funding comes from Michigan taxpayers who check the CTF box on their annual state income tax returns. Both taxpayers who are receiving a refund and those who aren't getting money back can contribute through their tax forms.

CTF's Motto is "We're not asking you to give until it hurts — We're asking you to give before it hurts."

For more information about the Crawford-Roscommon Children Protection Council, call Nancy Bartkowski at 1-517-275-6835.

'Women's Health Day' offered by Kirtland Community College

Kirtland Community College's Nurse-Managed Health Center has scheduled another "Women's Health Day" for Monday, March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event will be held at Kirtland's new on-campus health facility at 10775 N. St Helen Rd.

Kirtland held a one-time health day for women on Feb. 9 that turned out to be popular enough that the Health Center decided to make "Women's Health Day" a monthly event.

KCC will now have "Women's Health Day" on the third Monday of every month. Women can get a pap/pelvic examination and a breast exam for \$30.

The exams will be covered by most health insurance policies. Women over 40 that are unable to pay may qualify for low-cost or free examinations due to Ogemaw County Health Department grants.

"Every woman should have a yearly pap smear and breast screening for cancer," said Kathy A. Schnautz, a

medical assistant.

"If you are sexually active and over the age of 18 you should have the pelvic and pap exams each year. If you have any discomfort then you need to be checked more frequently. Cervical cancer is treatable and early detection can save your life. At our 'Women's Health Day' we will teach you how to do a self breast exam and give you literature and information on several health care subjects," said Schnautz.

To schedule an appointment for the upcoming March 23 "Women's Health Day" or any of the third Monday of every month health days women should call the Nurse-Managed Health Center at 517-275-8799 or 275-4056.

Kirtland's Health Center also offers many other health care services to the public, including immunizations for adults and children.

Hartwick Pines offers 'Maple Sugaring' event

Hartwick Pines will host a "Maple Sugaring" presentation on Saturday, March 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place in the Hartwick Pines Lumbering Museum in Grayling.

Participants will have the opportunity to tap maple trees and collect the sap using antique "spiles." The sap will then be boiled down to make maple syrup.

Those who take part in the presentation will also learn the history of maple sugaring as well as general information concerning maples and other plants that produce syrup and sugar.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located on M-93, seven miles north of Grayling, exit 259 off I-75.

The event is free and open to the public, but a pass is required to enter the park. Daily passes cost \$4 and a season pass is \$28.

Fireman Weatherly scheduled for bone marrow transplant, benefit dinner proceeds to help

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

"The bone marrow transplant is scheduled for the first week of April," said Cindy Weatherly, wife of leukemia patient, Roger Weatherly of Beaver Creek.

Roger Weatherly is a Beaver Creek fireman and was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) late in November of 1997. He's been undergoing chemotherapy treatments at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, but he will be given the bone marrow transplant at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

AML is a blood disease in which white blood cells are produced in excess, and these cells no longer work properly to fight infections. AML patients used to receive a poor outlook for the future, but science has turned that grim diagnosis into a positive one.

If an AML patient can find a bone marrow donor match — and Weatherly's sister, Dawn, is perfect

— then the patient's chance of recovery is higher than 90 percent. The dramatic new treatments can move the donor's bone marrow directly into that of the patient, giving the recipient an excellent chance to recover completely.

This process then allows the patient's cells to rebuild from within. The donor's whole blood is also used in the treatment, and both blood and bone marrow cells may be frozen for future treatment.

Weatherly recently underwent somewhat of a relapse, his wife said, but "he's feeling strong and very healthy right now. Roger's regained much of the weight he lost, and he's anxious to get on with the transplant."

The Weatherlys recently celebrated their wedding anniversary in a rather strange way. Roger had arranged to take Cindy to Traverse City for a special night out — complete with special dinner plans and room reservations.

Now, everybody knows about the best laid plans...

When Roger started feeling feverish that afternoon, he ended up at Munson Medical Center. There, the nurses and doctors knew him well, of course, and tucked him back into bed until his fever could be brought under control.

The Weatherlys had dinner there, and with a borrowed VCR from the hospital, "we just celebrated being together."

"We have trouble being apart," said Cindy, as she related how nice the motel people had been when she had to check out and return Roger to the hospital. "They gave us our money back and a gift certificate." She admitted that trying to plan ahead anticipating better times is sometimes quite difficult.

Roger will check into Harper Hospital on March 23rd to begin treatment. Once there, he'll receive a high dose of chemotherapy for an entire week which will destroy all possible cancer cells in his body. And, even though this will nearly incapacitate his own immune system, it will bring the leukemia under control to the point the new donor cells can begin to work once they're transferred.

The bone marrow transplant method the doctors expect to use is called the 'fresh harvest'. The marrow will be extracted from Weatherly's sister, Dawn, and when mixed with fluids — it will be injected directly into Roger's bone.

Because the Weatherlys have no hospitalization insurance and their expenses are growing absolutely huge, a benefit dinner has been scheduled for them on March 21 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling. Dinner and dessert will be served from 2 to 7 p.m., and the tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family.

Tickets may be purchased at Chemical Bank North of Grayling, Citizens Bank of Grayling, Charlie's Country Corners at 4-Mile and I-75 South, at A Cut-Above in the Grayling Mini-Mall, or at the Beaver Creek Township Hall.

Larger donations may be directed to Traci Nelson, Chemical Bank North, 1-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738. Collection canisters can be found in and around the Grayling/Beaver Creek area with Cindy and Roger's picture on them.

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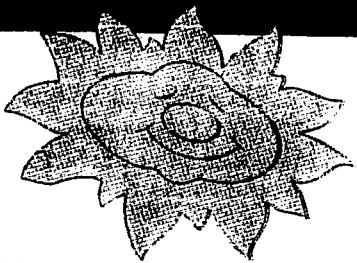
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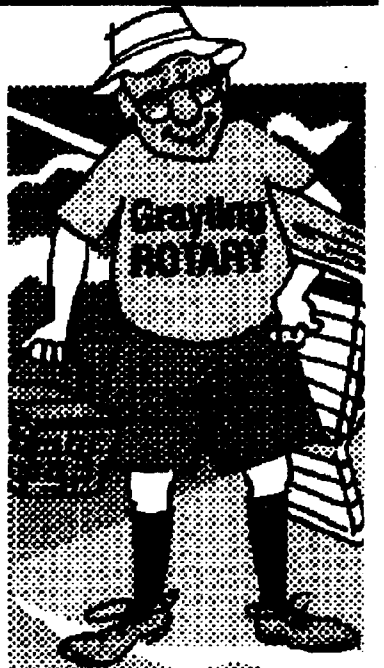


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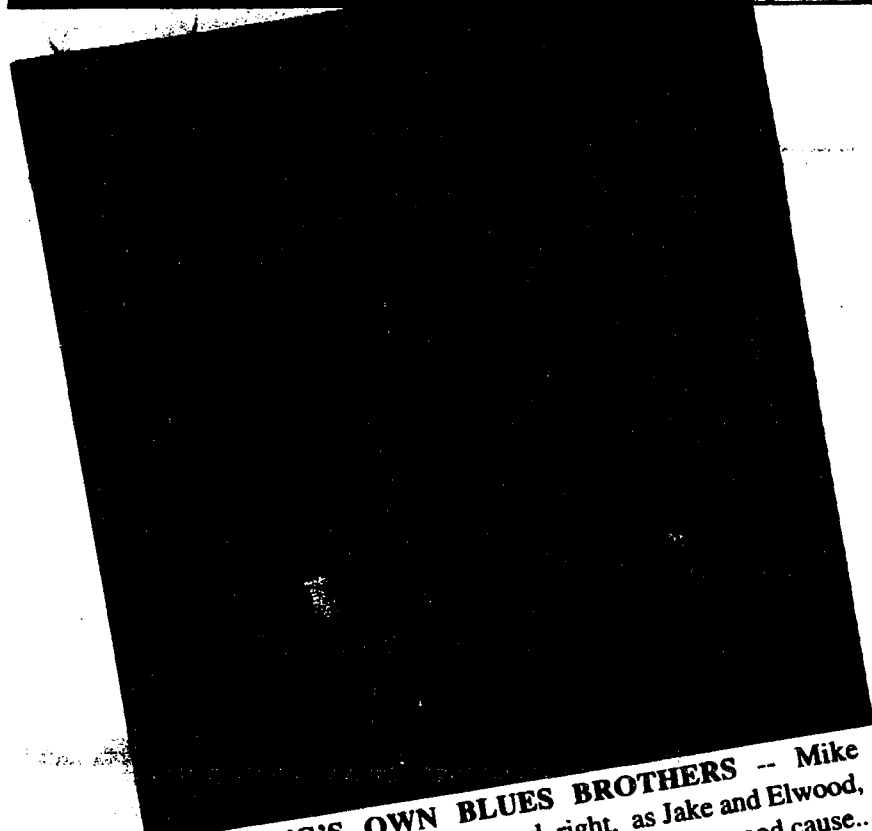
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1998 Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show "Spring Break"

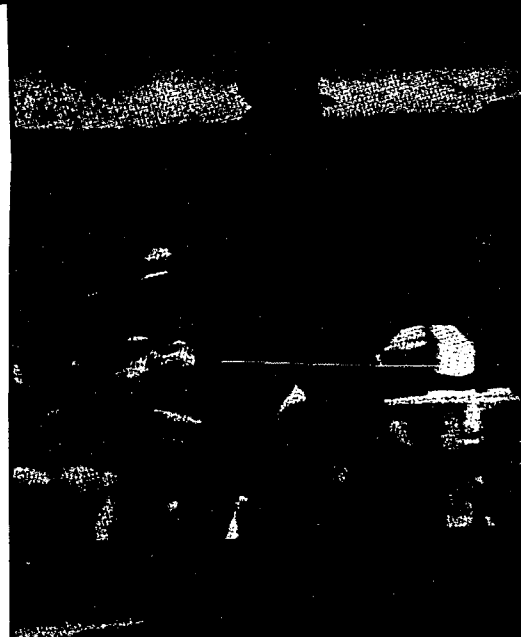


SPRING BREAK -- The Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show took place on March 12 and 13 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

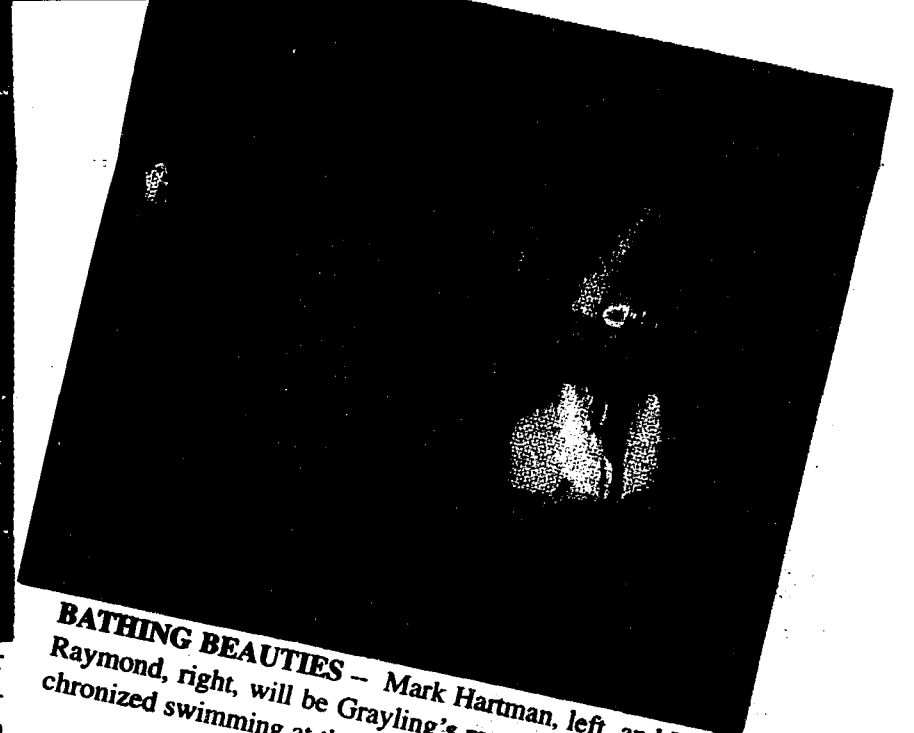
Pictured at left are Rotary members sharing a few jokes. From left: George Stancil, the chorus director; looking on is Keith Hough; Bill Rutter, Jr. is waiting his turn to tell a joke; John Jones as Jose the Interlocutor; Luke Petroskey, Sr. executing a joke; Bruce Patrick, Dr. Tom Rosi and Jim Briney looking on from the sidelines.



GRAYLING'S OWN BLUES BROTHERS -- Mike Branch, left, and Larry Raymond, right, as Jake and Elwood, are happy to pose for a publicity shot if it's for a good cause..



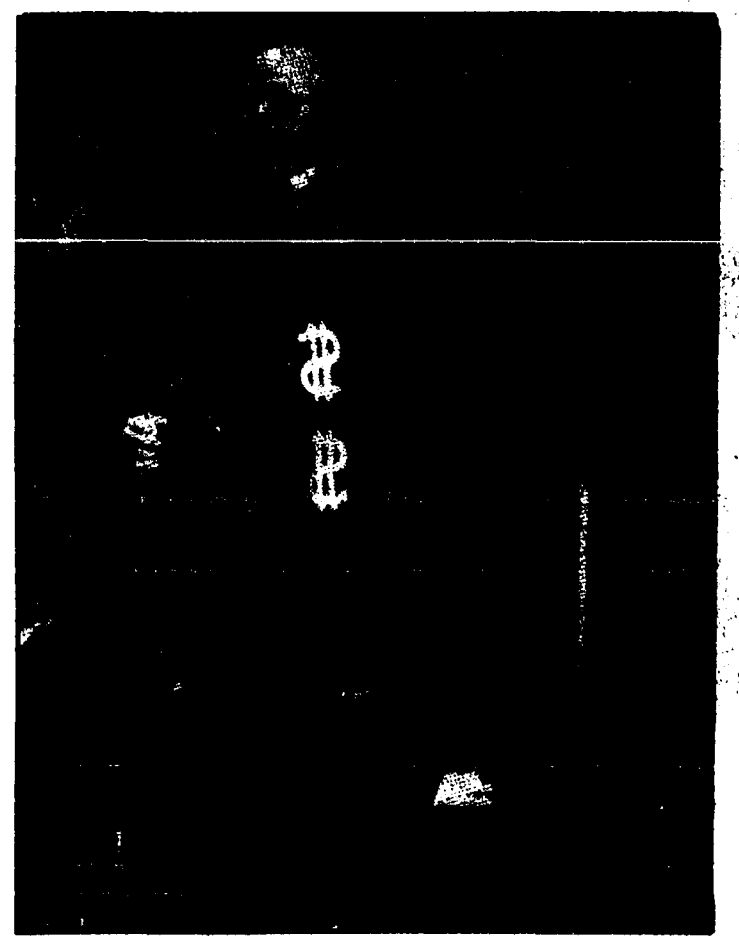
PAGING JOHN PAUL -- Cuban Leader Fidel Castro, played by Jim Briney, is desperately looking for the Pope and is soon informed that he can find the pontiff at the nude beach.



BATHING BEAUTIES -- Mark Hartman, left, and Larry Raymond, right, will be Grayling's representatives in synchronized swimming at the next summer Olympic games.



ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER -- Mark Sloan as Dr. Jack Kevorkian, (left), celebrates his 100th customer, Marilyn Palmer (at table), while promoter Rich Jaskowski and the victim's son, played by Monte Burmeister (seated), look on.



SINNERS TAKE HEED -- Mike Branch portrays the Reverend LeRoy of the Church of Happenin' Now, holding the long-handled collection basket and preaching to the "sinners" gathered before him.

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Three Vikings wrestlers close season

by Debi Hopkins
Special Writer

Three Viking wrestlers competed in the 1998 Michigan Individual Wrestling Finals on March 13 and 14 held in Kalamazoo.

This final tournament consisted of the top 16 wrestlers in all 14 of the weight classes. Only the top eight wrestlers in each weight class would receive medals.

Matt Evon at 103 lbs., and Ben Malonen at 140 lbs., missed placing in State by one match. Mark Hopkins placed fifth at 152 lbs.

As a sophomore, Matt Evon entered the State Finals with a season record of 39-15. Coach Ferguson said, "Matt wrestled hard and I expect him to be back next year to place in State."

Ben Malonen, a senior, entered the State Finals with a season record of 34-8. His total career wins are 111.

Mark Hopkins, a senior, entered the competition with a record of 32-7 in this style of wrestling — folkstyle.

Hopkins, a mid-season transfer to Grayling High School, wrestled freestyle in Japan for three years at the Department of Defense Dependent School before entering high school in the United States.

In 1997 he was the Far East

Marquette student places second in ski tournament

Angela Abernathy, daughter of Terry and Mary Ann Abernathy of Higgins Lake, placed second in the 1998 U.S.S.A. Junior Olympics one kilometer freestyle cross country skiing event. The 17 year old Abernathy was one of 75 females who finished the race in the 17-18 year old age group.

Angela's time of 2:10.7 minutes won her second place in her division. She was bested only by Mirte Mallory of Plymouth, New Hampshire, who posted a time of 2:09.4 minutes.

Abernathy is currently a junior at Marquette High School and formerly a Roscommon student.

This past season she won the 1998 Michigan Cup Championship for females under 19 years of age.

Champion in freestyle at 148 lbs. Coach Ferguson said, "Mark placed in the toughest weight class at this years tournament. He had a great season and he worked hard to learn this style of wrestling. He was a great addition to our team — too bad he's a senior, we would have liked to have him back on the team next year."



STATE WRESTLING FINALISTS -- (left to right) Matt Evon, Ben Malonen and Mark Hopkins. The three Grayling Viking wrestlers took part in the Michigan Individual Wrestling Finals in Kalamazoo. Hopkins placed fifth in his weight division at the tournament.

Little League accepting registrations

The Grayling Little League will accept player registrations at Sylvesters in Grayling from March 18 to April 17. Crawford County children between the ages of 7 to 15 are eligible to register for baseball and softball. The League age is determined by the child's age on July 31, 1998. The cost for registration is \$25 and a copy of the child's birth certificate MUST be presented with the registration form.

Late registrations will be accepted, with an additional \$10 fee, from April 18 to April 26. The League will provide players shirts, hats and socks; players must purchase their own pants.

Important dates for the League events are as follows: March 18 to April 17 - Registration; April 18 - 14 and 15 year olds for baseball at 11 a.m. all ages for softball at 12 noon, April 18 to April 26 - Late Registration,

Tryouts at Millikin Field: 9 and 10 year olds for baseball at 9 a.m., 11 and 12 year olds for baseball at 10 a.m., 13, April 26 - Draft Night, and April 27 - First day for practices.

Persons having questions regarding registration may contact Diane Tobin, Player Agent, at 348-5361 or Tom Haskel, President, at 348-8722.

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Softball

Level of Play

Player's Name

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I/WE agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.
I/WE will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to League Officials.

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature:

Please indicate any physical limitations (allergies, hearing, sight, etc.):

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Varsity Basketball falls in play-offs

by Dave Golinick

Student Writer

The Varsity Boys Basketball team

was defeated by Sault Ste. Marie in the first round of the district play-offs last week by a score of 74-66.

Inconsistent shooting by the Vikings led to their defeat, as they missed attempt after attempt from the three point arc.

Though the Vikings played strong, they were outmatched by a more physical opponent. The Vikings were never out of the game, and controlled it for most of the time, but in the end they failed to convert a few open shots and allowed the Sault to get back in the game.

The loss in the tournament closed the season for the Vikings, who posted a 13-7 record and earned the title of Conference Champions in the new league.

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Pool League Final Standing Second Half

Frederic Inn.....	116-62
Red Barn.....	102-78
Weyerhaeuser.....	100-80
Frogies*.....	96-94
Tadpoles.....	92-88
Plaza.....	85-95
Holiday Inn.....	77-103
Breakers.....	58-119

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Peterson Saw Service.....	24-16
Mickey Perez CPA.....	21.5-18.5
Glen's Market.....	21-19
North Country R.V.....	20.5-19.5
Fun-N-Sun Rental.....	19.5-20.5
Cornell's.....	18-22
Mark 8.....	18-22
Scheer Motors.....	17.5-22.5
High Game: V. Balmes, 206, 202; J. Hinds, 204; P. Harris, 196.	
High Series: V. Balmes, 543; G. Neilson, 540; J. Hinds, 511.	

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet.....	43-9
Airway Automation.....	35-17
Barber Construction.....	29-23
C.S.I.....	23-29
A Team.....	23-29
Moshier Auto Repair.....	20.5-31.5
Jackson Trio.....	18.5-33.5
Cal Schreiber Bldr.....	16-36
High Game: R. Angove, 279, 215; T. Everly, 225; A. Moshier, 208.	
High Series: A. Angove, 689; T. Everly, 581; R. Moshier, 541.	

American Men's League

Red Barn.....	13-8
McLean's Ace.....	12-9
Burnside RV.....	12-9
Stitches by Sue.....	12-9
Buccilli's.....	11-10
Fenton's Auto.....	9-12
Upper Lakes.....	8-13
Northwood's Land.....	7-14
High Game: D. Canfield, 226, 222; Larry Davis, 225; R. Mansfield, 218.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 674; T. Devins, 589; R. Mansfield, 576.	

Northwood League

Rich's Cycle Service.....	29
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....	26.5
Helsel Brothers.....	25
R & M Masonary.....	19
Millikin's.....	16.5
R. Calkins & Sons.....	16
Rochette's.....	14
Milltown Carpet.....	14
High Game: S. Harney, 206; K. Schmidt, 203; P. D'Amour, M. Miller, 192.	
High Series: K. Schmidt, 546; M. Miller, 503; L. Holtcamp, 483.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charles Country Corner.....	35-13
Suttles.....	33-15
Aunt Betty's.....	25-23
AJD Forest Products.....	23-25
Moshier Auto Repair.....	22-26
A. Bulldog Towing.....	22-26
Fick & Sons.....	16-32
Sawmill.....	16-32
Men's High Game: M. Campbell, 220, 219; L. Helsel, 220; M. McKee, 199.	
Men's High Series: M. Campbell, 610; L. Helsel, 548; D. Canfield, 541.	
Women's High Game: K. Laughton, 183, 177; S. Rioux, 182; K. Trudeau, 168.	
Women's High Series: K. Laughton, 520; S. Rioux, 495; S. Sumner, 490.	

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....	39-13
Computer Services.....	38-14
Suttles Truck Leasing.....	35-17
C.S.I.....	28-24
M.M.L.D.....	27-25
Gary's Drywall.....	18-34
R & M Masonry.....	17-35
Bye.....	6-46
Men's High Game: M. Sumner, 215; R. Adkinson, 211; R. Moshier, 209.	
Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 581; M. Sumner, 556; B. Starks, 538.	
Women's High Game: D. Ashworth, 230; M. Miller, 201; J. Hinds, 192.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 533; J. Hinds, 503; D. Ashworth, 498.	

National First

Northern White Tail.....	28
Moore's Auto Parts.....	24
Legion & D. Ross Const.....	21
Weyerhaeuser.....	20
Forest Brothers.....	19
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke.....	15
City Environmental.....	15
Guns & Grubs.....	2
High Game: J. Helsel, 245; C. Golnick, 242; D. Canfield, A. Angove, 225.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 665; A. Angove, 625; T. Kotrash, 586.	

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Action League

Men in Black.....	26-6
Strike 2 Judgments.....	21-11
J.C.'s 1st Strikers.....	19-13
Lethal Weapons.....	18-14
Natural Born Killers.....	15-17
Kung Fu Mania.....	11-21
Women in Black.....	11-21
Phantoms.....	7-25
High Game: Male: N. Sloan, 179; Female: D. Mathey, 164.	
High Series: Male: D.J. Canfield, 490; Female: N. Strohpaal, 446.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: C. Marculewicz, 70; Female: D. Mathey, 61.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: N. Sloan, 83; Female: D. Mathey, 111.	

Cartoon League

Goose Bumps.....	16-8
Aristocats.....	14.5-9.5
Ninja's.....	14-10
Looney Tunes.....	14-10
Flintstones.....	13.5-10.5
Scooby Doo's.....	13-11
Rug Rats.....	7-17
3 Stooges.....	4-20
High Game: Male: J. Lobsinger, 130; Female: A. Helsel, 109.	
High Series: Male: J. Lobsinger, 251; Female: A. Helsel, 198.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Lobsinger, 36; Female: B. Turner,	

Comedy League

Wild Natures.....	15-9
Spy's.....	15-9
Black Sheep.....	15-9
Tin Cops.....	14-12
Paul Bearers.....	12-12
Clerk's.....	10-14
Nutty Professors.....	10-14
Space Jammers.....	5-19
High Game: Male: J. Lobsinger, 130; Female: K. Davis, 126.	
High Series: Male: J. Lobsinger, 251; Female: K. Davis, 247.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Fairbotham, 41; Female: T. Moggo, 43.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: 0; Female: T. Moggo, 36.	

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

OPEN GYM - The Fred Bear Memorial Center Gym is open on Tuesdays for K-second grade and Thursdays for third-sixth grade 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. \$2 per person.

INTERNET - Visit us at our new home page - www.hansonhills.org or E-mail us at hanhills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

FACILITY RENTAL - Don't forget - We have facilities for your parties, reunions and events. The gym is an excellent place for a Birthday Party or rainy day use at only \$15 an hour. The main lodge is \$175 per day. Please call 348-9266.

TAE KWON DO - Meets on Tuesday evenings at the Fred Bear Memorial Center. Four week sessions cost is \$20 for children, who meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and \$30 for

adults, who meet from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can just show up there to sign up.

GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY - Opening on May 23. Season passes will be available again this year. Cost is \$5 for Senior Citizens, \$10 per couple, and \$15 for family.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY - Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Let's all get together to improve our recreation area. Lunch will be provided. Bring a rake, gloves and a friend! This is an excellent community service project!

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 11. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:30. There will also be pictures with the Easter Bunny at the cost of \$2 each. The cost of breakfast will be \$2 for kids and \$3 for adults.

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Election Notice

Election will be held on **June 8, 1998** to fill **three seats** on the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees.

Terms of office to be filled are three, six-year terms beginning July 1, 1998, ending June 30, 2004.

Nominating petitions may be picked up from Sandy Figley in the President's Office, Administration Building, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.

Nominating Petitions are also available at the County Clerks' offices in Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties and in school superintendents' offices in the Kirtland district.

Nominating petitions must be returned to the President's Office at Kirtland Community College by **4:00 o'clock p.m. Monday, April 6, 1998.**

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March 13	March 15	March 20 & 22	March 28	March 19 & 21	March 14	March 12
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LEGAL ACTION

Notice

Crawford County Housing Commission will be closed March 26, 1998 for staff to attend MSHDA training -19

NOTICE

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL & SPECIAL FUNDS

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for the fiscal year 1998-1999 at South Branch Township, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI. 48653 on March 28, 1998 @ 9:00 AM.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following: Laura Smith, clerk, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-8232. -19-26

NOTICE

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PA 267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts the dates, times, and places of all of its regular meetings during the 1998-1999 fiscal year as follows:

1. All regular meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.
2. All regular board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

April 14, 1998	August 11, 1998	December 8, 1998
May 12, 1998	September 8, 1998	January 12, 1999
June 9, 1998	October 13, 1998	February 9, 1999
July 14, 1998	November 10, 1998	March 9, 1999

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on April 6, 1998 and October 5, 1998.

BOARD OF REVIEW will meet with tax payers on December 15, 1998, March 8, 1999 and March 9, 1999.

3. All changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen (18) hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 98-5802-IE
Garland Garfield Griffith, deceased 722-05-2642.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was Meadows of Grayling, 331 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI 49738 died Jan. 5, 1998.

An instrument dated Dec. 22, 1980 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Mary Lynn Francisco, 2135 Quail Run, Otonville, MI, 48462, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Jonathan E. Maire (P16999)
2401 E. Grand River
Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 487-8300

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 97-5759-IE
Estate of Francis Drake Compher, deceased 382-07-2363.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 4506 Quail Creek, Arlington, TX 76017, died Nov. 7, 1995.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Deborah Ann Kales, 36187 Harcourt, Clinton Twp., MI 48035, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Malach & Smith, LLP
by: Steven H. Malach (P28799)
28411 Northwestern Hwy, Ste 930
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 353-1700

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998
TIME: 8:00 A.M. WAYS & MEANS MEETING
LOCATION: CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

THE 8:00 A.M. SCHEDULED PERSONNEL & LABOR MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. -19

NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP


Under the provisions of the Freedom of the Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one(1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township on M-18.
2. Meetings will be held on the second(2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:30 PM.
3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 14, 1998	August 11, 1998	December 8, 1998
May 12	September 8	January 12, 1999
June 9	October 13	February 9
July 14	November 10	March 9

ANNUAL MEETING; MARCH 27, 1999 @ 9:00 AM

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 1998 - 1999 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 1998, are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township offices located at 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI.



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NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications for an opening on the Crawford County Commission on Aging through Wednesday, April 8, 1998 @ 4:00 P.M. Applicants are required to be county residents and must have a genuine interest in the lives of all seniors within Crawford County. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk /Register of Deeds

-19-26-2

NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 98/99 at Bear Lake Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49846 on 3/24/98 at 12 noon. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Bear Lake Community Center.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Bear Lake Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 2 days notice to the Bear Lake Township board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Bear Lake Township board by writing or calling the following:

William Jackson
162 Lake Valley Rd. S/E
Kalkaska, MI 49846
(616)-258-4853

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Subscriptions 348-6811

Document 00020 INVITATION TO BID

Notice is given hereby that the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Facilities, will accept bids for:
Index No. (s): 50705/50706/50707, File No. 332/96147-TDK
Department/Agency: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan
Subject Project No. 2 - Art/Maintenance Building, and Project No. 3 - Administration Building, Kirtland Community College.
Location: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan
according to Contract Document prepared by Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.; 215 South Court Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, and described in general as:

Project No. 2 - Add/Remodel of Art/Maintenance Building includes work described in Project Manuals 2A, 2B, and 2C, as well as, Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"B" dated February 27, 1998.
Project No. 3 - Add/Removal of Administration Building includes work described in Project Manuals 3A, 3B and 3C, as well as Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"C" dated February 27, 1998.

Without force and effect on the requirements of the Contract Documents, the work as described in Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"B" and Project Manuals 2A/3A, 2B and 2C includes the complete demolition and removal of the existing wood pole constructed Art/Maintenance Building, and the construction of a new rigid frame steel structure to house the Art program and campus maintenance department. Included in the work is the limited reconstruction of the site in and around the proposed facility.

Without force and effect on the requirements of the Contract Documents the work as described in the Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"C" and Project Manual 2A/3A, 3B and 3C includes the remodeling of areas of the existing Administration Building currently housing the campus maintenance department, and the construction of a new 2-story addition to house general classrooms, developmental learning, and testing centers, and including development of the site in and around the proposed addition.

Documents may be obtained from Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C., at a cost of \$200.00 per set, refundable if returned in good condition within ten days of bid opening. A maximum of three (3) sets are available to General Contractors and one (1) set for Subcontractors/Suppliers. All checks shall be accompanied by a transmittal indicating Company name, address, telephone and fax number, project identification and whether bidding as a General Contractor, Mechanical Subcontractor, Electrical Subcontractor or Subcontractor/Supplier. All checks should be made payable to the State of Michigan.

Questions concerning the Contract Documents shall be directed in writing to:

Anthony P. Esson, AIA
Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.
215 South Court Avenue
Gaylord, Michigan 49735
Telephone: (517) 732-6218
Fax: (517) 732-0907

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Construction Association of Michigan, 1625 S. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204
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Builders Exchange of Grand Rapids, P.O. Box 2031, Grand Rapids, MI 49501
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Daily Construction Reports, 25229 Dequinder Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071
The Plan Room, 3135 S. State Street, No. 210, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Builders Exchange of N.W. Michigan, 1238 Garfield Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49684
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Delta County Builders Exchange, Vicki Melnicki, 230 Ludington Street, Escanabe, MI 49829

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of Facilities until:

Wednesday, April 8, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., Local Time

CAUTION: Some express mail services guarantee delivery by 3 p.m. To be accepted, your bid must be received at the Office of Facilities by 2:00 p.m. on the date indicated.

A MANDATORY prebid conference and inspection will be held at the job site with all concerned parties on Monday, March 30, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., Local Time -Lobby of Academic Building, Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan.

If you desire to bid this work, please submit your proposal, in duplicate, to the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Facilities, Third Floor, Stevens T. Mason Building, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909. If you desire to deliver your bid in person, the Stevens T. Mason Building is located on the northeast corner of Pine and Allegan Streets. Your proposal form must be received on or before the bid opening date and time selected on the proposal form, when all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. -12-19

Document 00020 INVITATION TO BID

Notice is given hereby that the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Facilities, will accept bids for:
Index No. (s): 50705/50706/50707, File No. 332/96147-TDK
Department/Agency: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan
Subject Project No. 1 - Academic Building, Kirtland Community College
Location: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan
according to Contract Document prepared by Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.; 215 South Court Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, and described in general as:

Project No. 1 - Additions and Remodeling of Academic Building includes work described in Project Manual 1A, 1B and 1C, as well as Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"A" dated February 27, 1998.

Without force and effect on the requirements of the Contract Documents, the work as described in Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"A" and Project Manuals 1A, 1B and 1C includes remodeling of portions of the existing Academic building currently housing photography and chemistry, to include physics, chemistry, and prep spaces, as well as to allow for a connection to the proposed 2-story addition. Also included in the work is the construction of a 2-story addition to house additional lab facilities, two prep areas, nursing labs and office spaces. The work includes the development of the site in and around the proposed facility.

The extent of the work, including demolition, cutting and patching of the Academic building is shown as clearly as possible in the drawings, however, each bidder and subcontractor is required to visit the existing facility and become completely familiarized with the materials, systems, structural aspects and scheduled demolition areas.

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Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

Because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

YOUR 1995 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 5, 1998, TAX SALE.

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 5, 1998.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

**Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer**

-5-12-98

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 22-28

ARIES

March 21-April 20

This could be a great week for romance. Consider getting away for the weekend with your partner. If you can't do that, at least make time for a romantic evening. Step back and take a new approach to an old problem that won't seem to go away.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Be a good listener this week when you are approached concerning a problem. But don't try to advise the person—just listen and offer consolation. Start drawing up plans for a big family get-together. Be sure to include those you haven't seen in quite a while.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Can't accomplish everything on your list? If that's the case, go for the projects that are most important. Then try simplifying your life so you don't run into this problem in the future. And even though you're really busy, make some time for yourself to unwind.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Don't be shy about asking for support from a friend. A sticky situation is headed your way, and the bonds of friendship will help you face it. Then plan on doing something fun and exciting this weekend. It will be the first step in putting a bad situation behind you.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Take stock of your motives before speaking about something or someone. If you are angry, don't say anything until you've calmed down. Then think twice about what you're going to say. Be sure you have all the facts straight before you speak up.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

If someone close to you seems to be under a lot of pressure this week, be there for him/her. Don't make judgments; just lend your support. Suggest an evening out and take him/her shopping, to dinner or to a movie. It will make you both feel a lot better.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Don't give in to your impulses this week. Delay making any important decisions. And before you make them, seek expert advice. Someone in your life could really use some reassurance. Save some time for him/her this weekend and shower him/her with TLC.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Set aside a little time to complete some long-neglected chores. Don't put them off any longer—the sooner you finish them, the sooner you'll be able to enjoy something fun. As a reward for completing those chores, plan something fun for you and a friend.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

A milestone in your life is approaching. This might be a good time to sit back and take a look at your goals and what you've accomplished. If you aren't where you want to be, it's the time to make some changes. Put your talents to the test and see where things lead.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

You may be called upon to shoulder a new and difficult responsibility. Handle it the best way you can; you'll do just fine. Don't limit yourself or let others limit you. When you pull it off, celebrate with an evening out or buy yourself something you've wanted for awhile.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

If you've got a lot on your plate, it's time to organize. Make a list of what needs to be done, then prioritize those chores. It may seem like a long list, but it will help things be more manageable for you. Remember to balance work with fun.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Stars may be in your eyes, but try to keep your feet firmly planted on the ground. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is, so be sure to think before you leap. Take extra precautions before you invest any of your hard-earned dollars.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

SWEET & SOUR WALNUT CHICKEN STIR-FRY

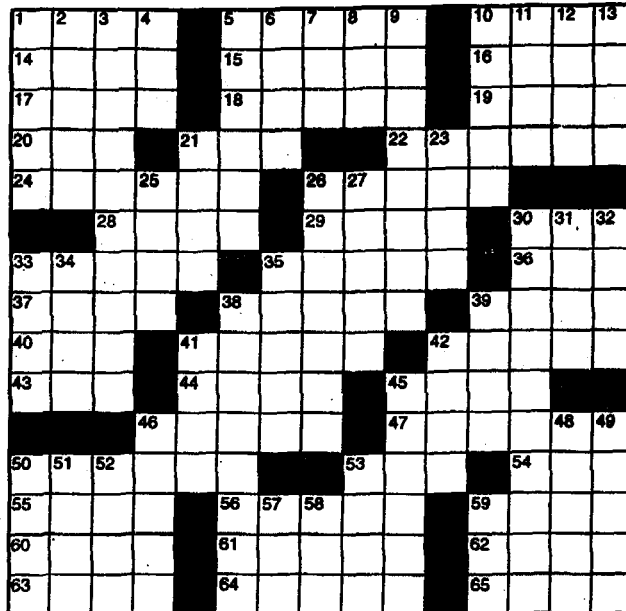
3/4 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast
1 T. cornstarch
1 T. soy sauce
1/2 c. chopped walnuts
1/2 c. sweet & sour sauce
2 T. honey
2 t. grated fresh ginger root
2 T. vegetable oil divided
1 sm. green bell pepper, cut into 1/2" pieces
1 c. diced carrots
1 c. sliced celery

Cut chicken into 1-inch square pieces. Blend cornstarch and soy sauce; stir in chicken and let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile, toast walnuts in wok or large skillet over medium heat, 5 to 6 minutes until fragrant and golden brown, stirring frequently.

Combine sweet & sour sauce, honey and ginger; set aside. Heat 1 T. oil in same wok or large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and stir-fry 3 minutes; remove. Heat remaining 1 t. oil in same pan. Add bell pepper, carrots and celery; stir-fry 3 minutes. And chicken and sweet & sour sauce mixture; cook, stirring, until chicken and vegetables are coated with sauce. Just before serving, sprinkle in walnuts. Makes 4 servings.



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- Port captured by the Crusaders in 1191
- Army doctor
- Arabian gulf
- James Arness sci-fi film
- board
- It remained in Pandora's box
- Sprouts
- Shade of purple
- Swear to
- Tree of the olive family
- Steamy
- City on the Rio Grande
- Ranked, as in a tournament
- Undivided
- Baseballer May
- Jackie, to Roseanne's kids
- Hannah and _____ Sisters
- Incursion
- Dean's Rebel Without a Cause costar
- Bauxite, for example
- Perfidious
- Lighting units

DOWN

- Cygent
- X rating?
- Cloner's concerns
- Presence
- School subj.
- Nightstand item
- Buffalo Bill
- Makes socks, e.g.
- Sometime in the future
- Spill the beans
- Stir-fry skillet
- Celebratory poem
- Gen. Robert _____
- Transfer design
- Anguine squeezers
- Platist Gilels
- Bypass
- Rim
- Johnson and Juan
- Took a second?
- Features of a peacock's tail
- Iowa State's team
- Windy airport
- Relocate
- Was imitative
- Franco of Camelot
- Delilah portrayer
- Countertenor
- Binery
- Banshees, e.g.
- Stalks
- Buffalo Bob's friend
- Distinctive times
- Take a flat
- Festival
- Chef's chamber
- Painter of Rouen Cathedral
- Throw into confusion
- Take one's part
- Rowlands of films
- Religious recluse
- Put in the fridge
- Ship spines
- "Time is money," e.g.
- Toady's responses
- Titicaca boatbuilding material
- Sailors' patron saint
- Artery
- Walk through water
- She raised Cain
- Com-attacking sound
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO March 13, 1975

William P. Annin has been appointed Vice President for Bear Archery, Division Victor Comptometer Corporation.

Two Grayling Vikings were named to the Michigan-Huron Shores All-Conference basketball team. Craig Hinkle, 5'10" junior forward gained a second team berth, while Mark Hanson, 6'0", Viking senior was given honorable mention.

A spacious four bedroom home with aluminium siding, a 2 car garage and fireplace on a 66 x 185 ft. lot All for only \$25,000.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Roscommon on March 6, a daughter, Traci Lynn, weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs.

A daughter, Tammie Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wainwright, of Frederic, on March 6. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs.

T-Bone steaks \$1.69 per lb.; Chuck Roast 79 cents a lb.; Banquet frozen dinners 39 cents; Northern toilet paper 59 cents a four pack.

46 YEARS AGO March 13, 1952

Mayor A. L. Roberts revealed a plan whereby the City of Grayling will purchase all of its needed electrical energy from the Consumers Power Company under contract in a talk at the regular weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling held Monday night at the Lone Pine Inn.

Jim Burch, star forward of the Grayling High Viking Basketball team and leading scorer for them this year has been awarded a first team forward slot on the mythical North Central Conference Class C team.

Duane Worden, Viking regular guard and also a junior, was awarded a second team position.

Mr. Bill Joseph entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club last week. High score was held by Mrs. Dale Pettengill, second high by Mrs. Joseph Stripe, Mrs. Leonard Knibbs was a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Annis and family are enjoying a visit from her sister and baby daughter from Frankfurt, Germany.

Jack Feldhauser attended a Chevrolet instruction class in Bay City Thursday evening.

69 YEARS AGO March 14, 1929

Grayling captured the Class C District Championship at the high basketball tournament held here last weekend. St. Joseph of West Branch was the Class D. winner. Lake City and St. Mary's of Gaylord were the consolation winners in their respective classes.

Amos Schreur was awarded the "most valuable player" trophy at the basketball tournament. He is a player with Gaylord. Charles Wylie of Grayling ended in a tie with the Gaylord player for the trophy, but as long as Grayling won the District championship, the trophy was given to Gaylord.

Only 49 cast votes in the village election last Monday and the ticket offered by the Citizens Caucus was elected without a dissenting vote. Elected were: Chris W. Olsen, president; Lorane Sparkes, clerk; Herluf Sorenson, treasurer; James W. Sorenson, assessor; E.G. Shaw, Thomas Cassidy, Walter Nadeau, trustees.

Jess Schoonover, Carl Parsons, and Lars Rasmussen drove to Flint Tuesday and brought back a fine new Buick sedan for the latter. While there they toured the Buick factory watching the cars being made.

Spring weather the last week has taken the snow down considerably.

The downtown streets are nearly free of ice and snow. Rain cleaned things up in pretty good shape, but don't forget we're still in the month of March.

Our High School basketball team leaves for Mount Pleasant tomorrow to participate in the Regional Tournament. Grayling drew a bye, so don't play the first day. Clare and Durand play an elimination game with Grayling meeting the winner Friday night.

Albert Lewis was nominated for Supervisor of Frederic Township. This will mean the retirement of Floyd Goshorn who has served that township as supervisor for many years.

92 YEARS AGO March 15, 1906

McCullough's team are drawing brick and lumber down to the river for two new club houses to be built near the Detroit grounds. They are to be completed in time for trout season.

O. Milnes was down from Frederic Tuesday and reported all alive in our sister berg and that the hotel was running smoothly.

A home talent play was presented with the following taking parts: Frank Tromble, Elizabeth Salling, Arthur Fournier, Katie Bates, Edith Chamberlain, Gottie Kraus, Harmon Murray, Emil Hanson, Bessie Ayres, Elner Rasmussen, Willard Hammond, Miss Goldie Pond was pianist, with specialty acts between acts by Katherine McPeak and Frank Foreman.

Maple Forest citizens are alive to the fact good roads are needed. For the coming election, they are trying to persuade Dr. Underhill, proprietor of the AuSable Ranch to take the nomination of Highway Commissioner. It is a good suggestion as he could take the time to attend to the job, has the experience and ability needed.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Melted
3/11	16	-11	
3/12	18	-8	.01
3/13	26	16	.01
3/14	27	17	.04
3/15	29	-4	
3/16	27	-15	
3/17	34	-10	

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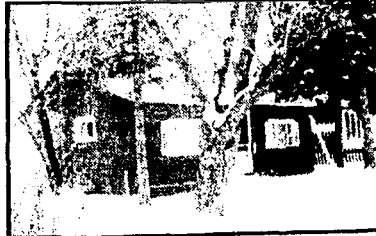
FRONTAGE ON LAKE CUB LAKE ENTERTAINING IS PART OF THE REAL JOY OF OWNING THIS LAKEFRONT HOME. Three to four bedrooms, two baths, 1,824 sq. ft., open floor plan dramatizes kitchen, dining room and living room. Walk-out doorways onto deck with fantastic view of Cub Lake. Kitchen offers breakfast bar, lazy susan. Cub Lake is a 53-acre lake with good swimming and fishing, and a sandy bottom. **\$149,000 CH-685**



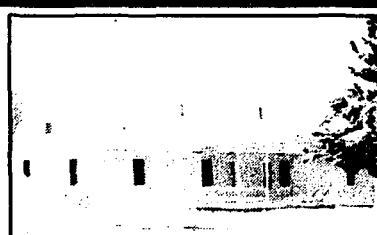
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QUIET, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. **\$45,500 CH-682**



506 OTTAWA STREET In city, corner lot only one block to middle school. 2 bedroom home, spotless interior, excellent starter or income property. Natural gas heat, covered porch, oak cabinets, drywall interior, shady lot with large pines, just listed. Immediate Occupancy. **\$31,900 CH-724**



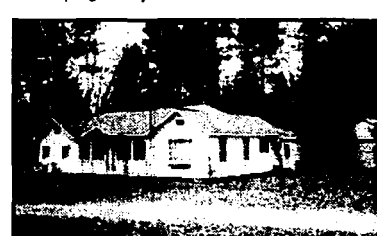
107 HIGHLAND Duplex with excellent rental history. Spacious 2 bedroom apartments, natural gas heat, individual utilities, 2 car garage, covered front entry, includes stove and refrigerator's, vinyl siding, updated windows, ideal location just outside city limits. \$750.00 monthly income, new offering at **\$56,500 CH-726**



COUNTRY PURE AND SIMPLE This 1,352 sq. ft. home offers gas heat, two bedrooms, one bath. Oak kitchen cabinets with two lazy susans, walk-in pantry, water softener, large living room/dining room combination, two bay windows, new 8x12 shed, 28x14 carport. Air conditioning. County maintained road. **\$54,000 CS-666**



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SECLUDED RIVERFRONT HOME OFFERS 1,600 SQ. FT. Two bedrooms with hardwood floors, living room offers knotty pine walls, two garages, two basements with separate entrances, cyclone-fenced yard, fenced garden area, beautiful mixture of trees with babbling creek running through, 100' on the famed "Holy Waters" of the AuSable Mainstream, on 3.63 acres. Reduced to **\$85,000 CS-493**



USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT REPOSSESSION. Perfect for that HANDI-MAN. Corner lot 810 Plum St. fenced in backyard, approx. 1,300 sq. ft., 3 B/D, Family Room, Garage, Natural Gas, Great Potential for **\$37,350 CH-712**



ENCHANTING COTTAGE IN THE WOODS One-to-two-bedroom, 1.5 bath offer 820 sq. ft. with gas heat and two woodstoves. Half basement, knotty pine kitchen cabinets. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. Secluded setting close to Roscommon. **\$42,900 CS-624**

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FOR SALE BY OWNER: Private setting, less than one block from Lake Margrethe. Four bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, finished walkout basement, attached garage, large deck, boat house, 200'X125' lot. Adjacent lots available. \$120,000 O.B.O. Call 348-5104. (-19-26/1)

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. (12/29/97tf/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. (12/4/97tf/1)

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling, \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-2928 or 348-8945. (10/23/97tf/1)

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE for sale by owner. 1 3/4 bath, large master bedroom, full basement, screened porch, deck, garage, in Sherwood Forest, \$76,000. Call 348-7794 or 348-5957 for appointment. (-12-19/1)

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet, fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. (12/18/97tf/1)

For Sale By Owner 311 Arthur

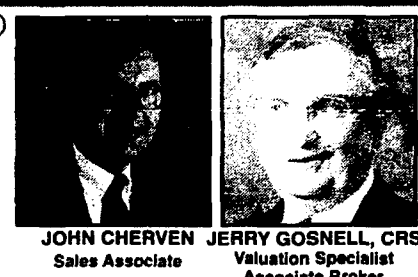


Newly remodeled, large kitchen with oak cupboards, stove, refrigerator, large living room, three bedrooms, laundry room, two car garage, close to town.

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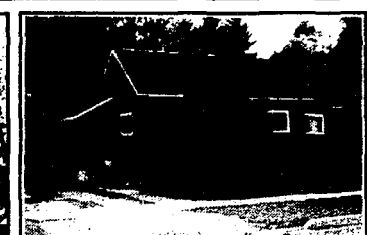


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705 MAPLE Nice three-bedroom, one-bath home in the city. 1,236 sq. ft. basement. Natural gas forced-air heat, new paint on exterior. Close to schools, shopping and churches. **\$47,500 #JC-636**



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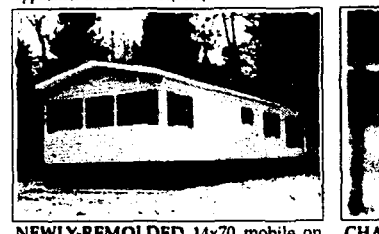
WELL MAINTAINED 2 bedroom home with Deeded Access to K.P. Lake. Home offers full finished walk-out basement, family room with Blaze King Woodstove, living room has brick fireplace with heatilator. One car garage and appliances included. **\$59,900 (BSO-21)**



ROOM TO ROOM Six bedroom home with two baths. 30x36 pole barn garage & a small guest house or workshop. 10 acres adjoining state land (adjoining 10 acres also available). DL-34 Reduced to **\$127,900**.



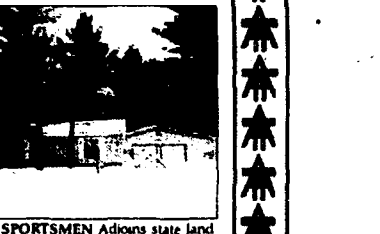
NEW HOME on 2 1/2 acres, located off of M-72 East. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Includes stove and refrigerator. Near state land, snowmobile trails and the AuSable River. **\$59,900 (FS-44)**



NEWLY-REMOLD 14x70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly drywall, six-inch insulated walls, track and spotlights. Internal stereo system. **\$35,000. (JW-67)**



CHASE BRIDGE ROAD Great little cabin on a county-maintained road. Cabin is 480 sq. ft., bath with a path, furnished and is in "as-is" condition. Good hunting area. **\$24,900 (MC-521)**



ATTENTION SPORTSMEN Adjoins state land and close to snowmobile trail with a large garage to store the toys. Plus a three bedroom, 2 bath home, fireplace, satellite dish. Lots of cupboards and includes stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. 2 1/2 wooded acres. **\$79,900 (LM-962)**



NEW CONSTRUCTION 1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, garage and full basement. Quality! Located on 2 1/2 secluded acres with large trees. Must see! **\$121,000 (JW-73)**



AFFORDABLE THREE BEDROOM home offers 1,306 sq. ft., family room, one bath, newer roof and furnace, two-car garage, on wooded 71 acre lot close to town. **\$49,700 (KM-21)**



NICE TWO-BEDROOM home built in 1992. Full basement, 2 car attached garage, 24' round above ground pool, 7+ acres of nice hunting land. Includes stove and refrigerator. **\$73,900 (TV-23)**



LARGE FOUR BEDROOM City home has an abundance of character. Hardwood floors, 30x24 & 18x20 garages, half basement, energy efficient. 1,954 sq. ft. Some appliances included. **\$79,900 (JW-MP-84)**

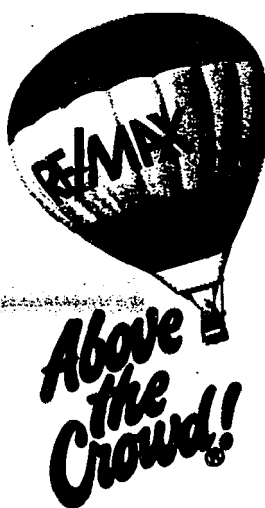
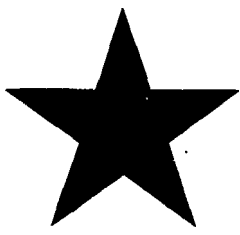


MANISTEE RIVER 100' frontage with beautiful cedar sided 3,200 sq. ft. home built in 1996, which sits on a 7/2 acres. Home built includes 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished basement, fireplace, custom cabinets. Too many features to mention. State land across the street. Reduced to **\$183,900. (KJ/11-281)**



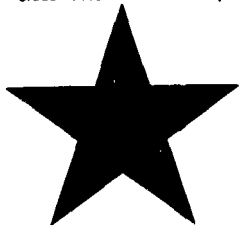
ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS, HUNTERS, & FISHERMEN 3 bedroom mobile with a 15x7 addition. Two storage sheds. Located on 10 wooded acres. Close access to state land, Kneff Lake & AuSable River. Includes stove and refrigerator. **\$33,900 (DL-111)**

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1. Real Estate

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HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000-\$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. (11/20/97tf/1)

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE Must be moved, \$3,500 or trade. 517-348-8959. (3/5/98tf/1)

2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT: on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97tf/2)

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040, rent is based on income for two person household. A barrier free unit is also available. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by Rural Development (021502010) (3/19/98tf/2)

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HOUSE FOR RENT in Grayling. One bedroom, all appliances, two car garage, \$425 per month plus security deposit. 348-5322. No pets. (-12-19/2)

FOR RENT two bedroom house with garage. 109 State St. \$450 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. 348-4464. (-12-19/2)

201 FULTON STREET Two bedroom upper level apartment in Grayling. Lighted parking and security door. Individual locked storage in basement with hook-up for washer and dryer. Must see to appreciate. \$425 per month plus utilities. First and last months rent to move in. Call 348-7143. (-12-19/2)

The GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is taking applications for family three-bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% gross income. Utilities are included in the rent.

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2. Good rental history
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3. Employment

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2. For Rent

KITCHENETTE FOR RENT WEEKLY Western Trails Motel. 517-348-7681. (LR3/26/98/2)

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM HOUSE in country, quiet, eight miles south of Grayling, \$425 per month. Deposit plus references. 517-275-4126. (-19-26-2/2)

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NEW THREE BEDROOM two bath home, with lake access. Non-smoking only, no pets. \$600 per month plus utilities and security deposit. 348-8627. (3/19/98tf/2)

FOR RENT Very well maintained, like new, three bedroom home. Close to town in a nice subdivision, attached garage. No Pets. \$595 per month. Call Connie, 348-5474 or after 6 p.m., 348-6573. (-19/2)

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3. Employment

PARTS DEPT. POSITION AVAILABLE Must have experience. Excellent wage and benefit pkg. Apply in person to Pioneer Hills Marine, 10914 County Rd.100. 517-275-5175. (-12-19/3)

SERVICE COORDINATOR NEEDED for our expanding Service Dept. Apply in person at Pioneer Hills Marine, 10914 County Rd. 100. 517-275-5175. (-12-19/3)

River House is a Mercy affiliated, 16-bed emergency facility serving adult female and child victims of domestic violence from Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties.

YOUTH ADVOCATE: full-time opening. Performs a variety of duties to ensure the emotional and physical safety of women and children is achieved. Duties include: developing a service plan for children; organize and conduct one-on-one and children's support groups; train volunteers for the children's program; provide educational sessions regarding the children's program to other agencies who work with children; build community network of service agencies, schools, etc., in 4-county; provide information sessions in schools and in conjunction with youth outreach advocate; facilitate residential shelter services on clients; rotate on-call beeper coverage; supervises youth outreach and child care staff. Minimum qualifications include B.S. in social work, psychology or any other human service field; one year relevant work experience; effective verbal and written communication skills; excellent organizational skills; ability to relate to individuals and families in crisis.

EVENING ADVOCATE: part-time opening. Cover shelter from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm on weekday evenings. Assists residential clients in meeting their emotional and physical needs; answers the crisis line; completes necessary documentation; conducts intake interviews; reviewing house rules and responsibilities with clients/children; weekly shopping; sorting donations and completing thank you notes and other duties assigned by the Director. Qualifications high school diploma or equivalent, good judgement and empathy skills, knowledge of the dynamics of victimization, good communication skills.

Qualified candidates can apply in person, or call for an application: Human Resources Dept., Mercy Hospital/Grayling, 1100 Mich. Ave., Grayling, MI 49738; Phone 517-348-0340. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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7. Miscellaneous

LOST BLACK LAB male in Ole Dam Rd. area. Please call 348-2495, evenings. (-19/7)

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS sale. Two more weeks. 30% off, plumbing, electrical, hand tools, used pipe, die and cutter rigid. P&A Hardware, Frederic, two blocks west of Old 27. (-12-19/7)

FREE FRIENDLY BLACK LAB Six month old male, has shots. 348-7533. (-19/7)



CASPER IS LOST

This short haired gray cat is lost. He lives in the North Park Subdivision. If found please call 348-6967.

4. Services Offered

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 Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262. (3/19/91tf/4)

DISH NETWORK 18" dish, \$199 + 40 channels for \$19.99 per month. Installation available. Northern Electronics 517-348-6944. (-6/19/98tf/4)

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SLACKS TOO LONG? Broken zippers? Need an extra-special outfit? The Enchanted Forest is pleased to welcome a new neighbor, The Pine Needle! The Pine Needle offers a full range of sewing services from alterations to bridal wear. Unique clothing ready-to-wear is also available. So stop in and say "Hi." Located next to Flowers By Josie, 218 Michigan Ave., Grayling or call 348-6142. (-12-19/4)

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3. Employment

8. Announcements

FREE CASH GRANTS! College. Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never repay. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 ext. G-8887. (-19-26-2-9/8)

GET ORGANIZED for the new year! J. Dap Co. 118 Michigan Ave. has scrapbooking supplies and classes. Classes are Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 which includes three pages of scrapbook supplies. Creating Keepsakes Magazine and The 1998 Idea Annual are available now! Call 348-4011 for more details. (-26-5-12-19/8)

SPIKE'S now has lunch specials. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri. (1/22/98tf/8)

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S for our Friday night fish fry. Just \$5.95 adults, \$3.25 for kids, beginning at 4 p.m. (1/15/98tf/8)

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8. Announcements

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WATCH! In Search Of The Lord's Way on T.V. 29&8 at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Supported by The Grayling Church of Christ. Old 27 South. (LR4-23-98/8)

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9. Personals

Boy She's Nifty But Now She's Fifty



From Your Ten Clouds Happy Birthday the 15th

8. Announcements

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HOMECARE - Full-Time RN. One or more years of professional nursing experience required. Med/Surg or ICU experience desirable. Must have well-developed assessment skills and ability to work independently. Excellent wages and mileage reimbursement. On-call responsibilities. Contact Maureen Hayes, Homecare Clinical Manager.

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***FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383**

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PLEASE FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

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RNs (Med/Surg & OB) - Must be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing and have current licensure in the State of Michigan. Strong interpersonal, writing, and verbal skills needed along with proven organizational skills. Previous OB experience preferred for OB position.

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11. Automotive

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1985 CHEV, VIN # 1G1GZ37Z0FR170205

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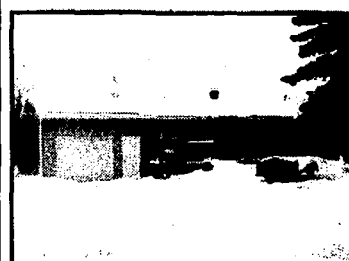


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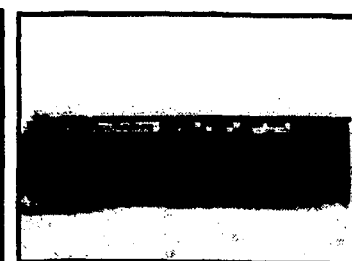
REAL ESTATE



This city home has a great location, close to the hospital and schools! Home features newer vinyl siding and oak kitchen cabinets. Six foot high fenced in back yard, full basement and more. #4231 \$56,500. Ask for Connie Winans!



Beautiful 1,716 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, ranch has large master bedroom suite with walk in closet & large master bathroom. Kitchen features tons of oak cabinets including 2 full size pantries & snack bar. Satellite dish, privacy fence & large front deck situated on a large double lot. #4225 \$75,000. Ask for Connie Winans!



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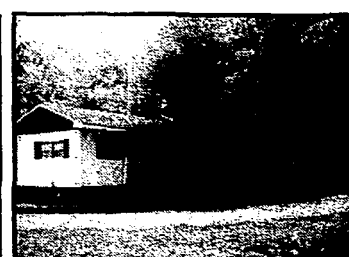
This 2 bedroom home is located on a county maintained road. Features detached garage and is adjoining state land, close to lakes, rivers and all your "up north" outdoor activities. \$54,900. #4198 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



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North End Grocery is surrounded by lakes for summer fun, state land and snowmobile trails. Four year old roof and three year old 14x40 cooler. Also includes a mobile home that could be used as a rental! #4167 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



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This 3 bedroom home would be fantastic for an up-north get-away or a year around residence. Located about 7 miles from town on a nicely treed parcel of land. 27,000 #4102 Ask for Bob Pollack!



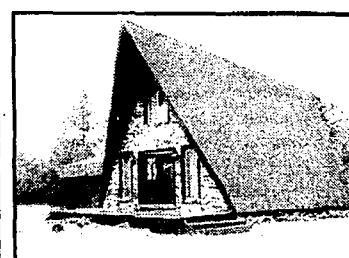
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Fantastic view from this spacious 2,000 sq. ft. home w/3 bedrooms, den, 2 baths, hot tub, fireplace, living & family room. Offering extras & quality throughout \$137,500. # 4056 Ask for Connie Winans!



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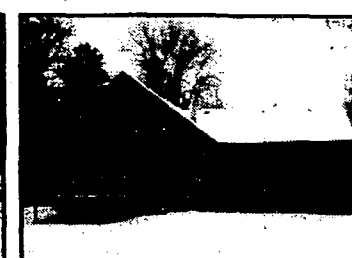
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What a view! This mobile located near Blue Lake, state land, & snowmobile & RV trails has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well septic and is priced to sell. \$32,000 #4217 Ask for Bob Pollack!



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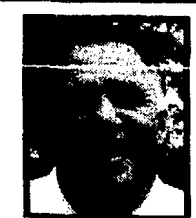
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